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Colonel-in-Chief



Message from the Colonel-in-Chief
The Countess Mountbatten of Burma, CBE, CD, JP, DL

I am always so pleased to provide opening comments for The Patrician. This journal is an important means for maintaining contact between all Patricias regardless of their location. It is particularly important to me this year as I was unfortunately unable to visit any of the Battalions or Association Branches this past year. While I know that all my Patricias fully understand that the reason was because of my husband's bad health, it is comforting to know that I have had the strong support of all my Patricias.

This past year has certainly been one of emotional extremes. The year has been full of Last Post announcements, as many members of the Regimental Family have passed on, including the gallant soldier Colonel Jim Stone, and my dear husband, Lord John, who was so very proud to be an Honorary Patricia. While saddened by their passing, we can cherish their memories and the contributions that each of them made to the Regiment and to their country.

The year 2005 was also a busy year of preparation. Soldiers across the Regiment were engaged in the important task of preparing for operations or of supporting those who were preparing for deployment. I was extremely impressed to learn how well these preparations were conducted and it made me confident that the soldiers heading off on operations to Afghanistan and elsewhere were fully prepared for their missions. It is comforting to know that the inherent risks of missions of this nature are mitigated by the professional approach to pre-mission training and preparation.

With Patricia soldiers deployed across the world on missions that are increasingly more dangerous and challenging, I am heartened to know that the Patricia Family is such a supportive and close-knit group. We will look after each other and support one another in these stressful times. I am so very proud to be your Colonel-in-Chief and to be associated with such a fine organization.



Colonel of the Regiment



Message from the Colonel of the Regiment
MGen Robert I. Stewart, CMM, CD (Ret'd)



Fellow Patricias,

2005 has been a year in which missions to Afghanistan have been the major focus of the Regiment's activities. During the year we have had soldiers deployed in Afghanistan, while others have conducted major training events in preparation for dispatch there in 2006.

Patricia platoons were deployed to Kabul and later in the year, individuals from 3 PPCLI formed the major component of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar. I had the privilege of visiting the PRT during the Christmas period and found the soldiers to be in good spirits, committed to their mission and fully capable of meeting the challenge.

In the fall, I visited Wainwright, to observe the First Battalion Task Force, which included a company from the Second Battalion, undertake their final pre-deployment training prior to departure for Afghanistan. I was satisfied that their training had prepared them for this dangerous and challenging mission and confident that the Battle Group will do a splendid job. Later, in January 2006, I was on hand to see the first of the deployments depart from Edmonton.

Sadly, we have suffered a number of members killed or seriously wounded from both the PRT and the First Battalion Battle Group. The members of the extended Regimental family were deeply saddened by this, but heartened by the fact that, despite these losses, the soldiers continue to uphold the Regiment's reputation for courage and professionalism.

As your Colonel of the Regiment, I was fortunate this year to visit all three Battalions in the field and garrison. I shared time with the 2nd Battalion during Kapyong Day celebrations, presented medals to returning members of 3 PPCLI, visited with them in Victoria during training and again for Menton Days in Fort Lewis.

Once again, I visited our new Patricias as they underwent training at LFWA Training Centre. Many of these new Patricias, upon graduation, were immediately deployed to Afghanistan. I was confident that the training they received prepared them to be integrated quickly and easily into their battalions.

The year has been a productive one for the Regimental Association. The Volunteer Patricia Program, a program devoted to providing assistance and support to members of the Regimental family, was firmly established and in operation. In addition, the Association in 2004 sent 'Christmas Comforts' to the members of 1 and 3 PPCLI deployed in Kabul and in March of 2006 provided, through 'Operation Small Pack', a variety of Regimental pattern and other civilian clothing items for casualties evacuated from Afghanistan through Germany on route home. These efforts by the Association in support of the deployed Patricias, reflect their continued concern and involvement in the welfare of our serving members.

As Colonel of the Regiment, I am very proud of the performance of the Regiment in 2005.

Well done and all the best for continued success and good soldiering.



EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Message from the Regimental Major
Major E.A. Giraldeau, CD

Annual production of *The Patrician* allows me to reflect on the past year's activities and achievements of the Regiment. I continue to be amazed and impressed by the level of professionalism demonstrated by all ranks of the Regiment. Given the current op and training tempo, the dedication and devotion to duty is inspiring. I wear my capbadge with great pride and am proud to be associated with the men and women of this fine Regiment.

A Commanding Officer recently said that "we are a Regiment at war." Strong words indeed, but ones that are acutely true in today's turbulent world environment. The fact of the matter is that the Regiment is currently fronting Canada's combat role in Afghanistan and for all intended purposes, is on a war footing. We can see that in the daily operations now being conducted in Afghanistan. We can also see it in the way the Regimental Family and, indeed, the country has rallied to support the troops in the field. Whether it be the Rear Parties working to care for family members and provide the vital link back home, or the PPCLI Association who have stepped up to provide support to our wounded through their Op SMALL PACK program, those of us on the home front are keenly committed to supporting the frontline troops in whatever way we can. It should be heartening to those in Afghanistan and elsewhere on operations that their rear is secure and well looked after. It is good to see all elements of the Regiment caring and supporting each other in this time of "war."

This "Year of the Veteran" edition of *The Patrician* is dedicated to those vets who have served in wars and operations. It is important to ensure that their efforts and sacrifices not be forgotten. Just as the Regimental Family is rallying to support the troops on today's frontlines, we will continue to honour and support those who came before us. After all, we will all belong to the Old Guard at some point and will look to the fresher faces of the Regiment to support us. It is a continuum of service and support that goes unbroken.





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Looking back 55 years in The Year of the Veteran

By

John R. Bishop

President, Pacific Region, Korea Veterans Association of Canada

It is an appropriate time to look back to June 25th, 1950 when North Korea attacked south across the 38th Parallel into the Republic of Korea. Exactly 55 years ago in the month of August, Canada raised an infantry brigade group of almost all boys not yet 21 years of age with little or no military experience. These young men were led by a small number of outstanding and experienced World War II officers and senior non-commissioned officers.

It is hard to believe that barely three months after answering the call, the first contingent would depart from Fort Lewis in November on a troop ship, the *Private Joe P. Martinez*, sailing from Seattle, Washington. It would be an error not to record that in July 1950 the Royal Canadian Navy committed three destroyers and an Royal Canadian Air Force transport squadron. Canada had allowed the army to reduce its numbers after World War II to between 5,000 and 7,000 front line fighting soldiers. Therefore, Canada could not afford to risk our regular army. They would be required to train and augment the more than twenty thousand who would serve in the Korean War in the land battle before the cease-fire on 25 July 1953. In addition, another 7,000 soldiers would serve on peacekeeping duties after the Armistice Agreement until 1955.

At the risk of alienating or not giving well deserved praise to all those who served in the land battle during the war, I find it hard to believe today that the initial infantry battalion that I served with was in Korea six months prior to the arrival of the balance of 25 Canadian Infantry Brigade Group. 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, four months after our arrival in country, fought a significant battle at Kapyong (Gapyong) in April 1951 that resulted in the awarding of a United States Presidential Citation.



All Canadian units served honourably in Korea, Canada's Third Bloodiest Conflict. 516 servicemen made the supreme sacrifice. 1558 were wounded, not to mention the thousands who would be recognized today in a special category not recognized in the early fifties, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) or, as it was called in World War I and II, shell shock.



The army suffered more than 500 of the fatal casualties and a comparable number in the wounded category. As an old infantryman, I must record that approximately 85% of the casualties in Korea were in the infantry. This fact should be recorded in the Year of the Veteran so that we realize that our front line troops of any type should be remembered in a realistic context.

Many citizens of Victoria noticed Korea Veteran Association members, recently just over a dozen strong, parading in the annual Victoria Day Parade. Again, over fifty years since the cessation of fighting in Korea, their numbers are declining all too frequently due to death and physical impairment. They march proudly in the parade but are thankful that the route is not ten kilometers long.

It is also an appropriate opportunity to recognize at this time a joint project by a 60,000 strong Korean-Canadian Community and the City of Burnaby to erect a substantial Memorial in Burnaby. The Korean-Canadian community remembers the contribution of Canadian soldiers, not unlike the citizens of Holland in World War II. Thirty-six young men from British Columbia who made the supreme sacrifice during the Korean conflict will have their names chiseled on this memorial in Burnaby. The ground-breaking ceremony for this project was held at 1100 hours on September 17th at Central Park in Burnaby.

The Burnaby ground-breaking ceremony was well attended by over 200 people including 20 Canadian Korea War veterans. We were all honoured by the attendance of Mr. Choi, the Korean Consul General; Mr. Corrigan, the Mayor of the City of Burnaby; and Ms. Roosa City of Burnaby Chair of Commission. More than a dozen important dignitaries were present including Members of Parliament, Association Presidents, Committee Chair Persons and many noteworthy spectators including members of the Korean-Canadian community. Mr Yang J. Shin, Chair of the Korean War Memorial Project Committee announced that the unveiling ceremony will be in October 2006.

Another project of interest to British Columbia residents was a small ceremony held in Fort Lewis, Washington on September 10th this year, almost exactly 55 years since our soldiers commenced their 18 month enlistment in the Canadian Army Special Force to serve in Korea. A group of Korean War veterans from British Columbia, primarily from Victoria, gathered at the Fort

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Lewis Museum to place three impressive bronze plaques recognizing the more than 5,000 who served in Washington State before going to Korea. The display included copies of five different books written by Canadian soldiers who served in Korea including two of them who retired near Victoria. Mr. Jeffrey Parker, Consul General of Canada who resides in Seattle, Washington was the senior Canadian dignitary attending the ceremony. Mr. Alan Archambault, Museum Curator made all the necessary arrangements for the ceremony, ensured U.S. Korean war veterans were in attendance and, personally conducted an outstanding tour of his facility.

The three plaques including one which is a replica of the memorial in Pusan (Busan), Korea where 378 of the 516 who died in Korea are buried. The remaining 138 are buried at a number of locations including Yokohama, Japan where they died from wounds suffered in Korea. Tragically, one train carrying members of the Royal Canadian Horse Artillery to Fort Lewis was in a head-on collision with another train at Canoe River, B.C. on November 21st 1950. That crash resulted in the death of 17 soldiers and four airmen and, injured another 49.



The two largest plaques to be unveiled in Fort Lewis are identical, one in English and one in French. The Memorial's main plaques read:



Members of the Korea Veterans Association (KVA) are planning to erect a large memorial beside Highway I-5 with access to land donated by Fort Lewis. The three bronze plaques will be placed on the memorial along with other smaller plaques recognizing significant events including the Canoe River collision and the Patricia's epic stand at Kapyong. Hopefully, when we look back in 2010, 60 years after the commencement of the Korean War, tourists will be attracted to the site of an impressive memorial beside the highway with 'CANADA' chiseled at the top in bold black letters. A few may choose to turn off Highway I-5 and read the plaques donated by Friends of KVA.

In conclusion, as this is the Year of the Veteran in Canada, it is also important to remember all Canadian veterans from all wars, peacekeeping type missions and other types of duty where our servicemen and servicewomen serve around the world.



*LCpl D.C. Jones enjoying a
"cold Asaihi" in Korea*



*WO D.C. Jones, MMM, CD
being promoted by Lady
Patricia 8 May 1977*

*WO R.K. Jones, CD being
promoted by Lady Patricia
1 July 2000*





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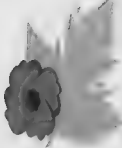
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Order of Military Merit

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CWO D.G. Palmer – appointed as a member.

MWO E.O. Haines - appointed as a member.

Mention in Dispatches

Maj J.P. Metaxas-Mariatos – for outstanding performance as D Chief Ops Officer in the Intelligence Division of ISAF HQ, Kabul, Jan - Jul 04.

Canadian Forces Decoration

MGen C.W. Hewson, (Ret'd) – 3rd clasp to CD in recognition of 42 years of service.

Minister of Veterans Affairs Commendation

Maj Lloyd Swick, (Ret'd)

Cpl Petit, (Ret'd)

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"Hastings Lake" named in memory of Cpl D.P. Hastings, KIA Korea, a lake in Mount Seymour Provincial Park, B.C.

Alberta Centennial Medal

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A/Cpl S. Douglas, (Ret'd) – appointed Hon LCol of 749 (Red Deer) Communication Squadron.

Chief of Defence Staff Commendation

Maj T.J. McLeod – for leadership and courage for saving the life of a critically injured car accident victim near Bos Petrovac, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 29 Aug 03.

Capt D.A. MacPherson – for outstanding professionalism demonstrated as the A/OC and 2IC during OP PEREGRINE, the park fires in Kelowna, B.C., Aug 03.



CF Unit Commendation

B Coy, 1 PPCLI TF2 – outstanding professionalism and dedication demonstrated during its deployment on OP PEREGRINE, the park fires in Kelowna, B.C., Aug 03.

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WO R.A. Dearing

Pte J.C.R. Black – for his actions in rescuing fallen climbers during a Mountain Ops Course.

Capt K.P. Barker – military OPI for the 2002 and 2003 Calgary Exhibition and Stampede.

Sgt E.M. Vollick – for his assistance in the development of the soldier sub-system for the weapons effects simulation trials.

Land Force Command Achievement Award

Spouses of Assisting Officers for the families of the deceased soldiers from the Tarnack Farms friendly fire bombing:

Mrs L. Bourgeois
Mrs S.O. McConechy
Mrs B.C. Gilfoy

PPCLI Association Certificate of Merit

Maj J. Hunter, (Ret'd) – for the development and implementation of the Volunteer Patricia Program (VPP).

PPCLI Association Certificate of Appreciation

Sgt D. Best, (Ret'd) – for distinguished service and support to the Association.

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MCpl K.O. Stewardson - Top Candidate Advanced Anti-Armour Course 0501.
Pte C.C. Score - Top Candidate Basic Sniper Course 0502.



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**Visit of Queen Elizabeth II
to the PPCLI Gallery 25 MAY 2005**
by Major Rod Middleton, MSM, CD (Ret'd)

In March of 2005, I was advised that I had been appointed as host to the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh for a private tour of the PPCLI Gallery at the Museum of the Regiments during their visit to Calgary on 25 May. The duty would be shared with Major-General Bob Stewart, CMM, CD, (Ret'd) Colonel of the Regiment.

I was thrilled by the news and immediately set about planning how I would conduct the tour. I was told that 10.5 minutes had been set aside for the Gallery tour, and as a guided tour of the Gallery that I had been giving over the past years had been taking at least an hour, depending on the interest shown by the visitor, I was quite concerned as how to condense the tour.



My first effort was to time the length of all the audio and video presentations to determine which could be used. I then prioritized the information that I felt was paramount to the Patricia story and then set out to practice. Knowing that the Colonel of the Regiment would be taking part, I had to consider what role he would play.

On 10 March, the official Royal Visit Reconnaissance Party arrived at the Museum for a walk-through of the program. Forty people arrived by charter coach direct from the airport, including a party of seven from Buckingham Palace, Federal and Provincial Government officials and security officials. Once the details for the arrival of the Royal Party had been reviewed, I was next on deck. I was introduced to Mr. Christopher Geidt, OBE, Assistant Private Secretary to the Queen and together with his party of Scotland Yard and RCMP Security Branch and several others, I set about my guided tour. I pointed out that due to the time restraints, it would be necessary to limit the tour to significant events in the history of the Regiment with emphasis on our ties to Royalty through our first Colonel-in-Chief Princess Patricia, and our current Colonel-in-Chief Countess Mountbatten of Burma, a cousin of the Queen.

The tour went well, I answered questions from Mr. Geidt, pointed out the displays that we would have to bypass and finished the tour only thirty seconds over the allotted time. Later, I met with him to confirm whether I would have sound and video systems on or off and the matter of the difficult footing in the WW I trench display. His decision was to operate the Gallery as it would be for the school children that visit and to warn Her Majesty about the duck board footing in the bunker. He thanked me for a concise overview of the Regiment's history. The entourage

left the Gallery with many kind comments on the quality and effectiveness of the displays.



In the weeks leading up to the Royal tour, museum staff members Warrant Officer Darcy Wanvig, Sergeant Rick Walker and myself set about on a thorough cleaning of all displays. Leather and brass were given a good polishing and all the displays were cleaned. With the assistance of curator Ms. Lynn Bullock a new display was created for the visit. A large carved PPCLI cap badge, the founder's portrait, the Colonel-in-Chief's portrait and the PPCLI Association carved crest flanked a five by seven foot photo enlargement of the Queen's presentation of new Colours to 1 PPCLI at Beacon Hill Park, Victoria, 17 July 1959. The Queen's and Regimental Colours together with the actual kneeling stools used on the parade completed the display.

The day prior to the visit I met with General Stewart and with notes and stopwatch in hand, we rehearsed the tour. After several attempts to meet the time limitations, we agreed that we would cover only the essentials from our own knowledge and be prepared to answer any questions that might arise.

The hours leading up to the visit were filled by security staff carrying out inspection of the gallery. Led by their Calgary Police Service handlers, three different dogs sniffed their way through the displays on separate tours. When I asked why three inspections were necessary, I was told that different dogs smelled different things. Obviously nothing was left to chance.

Meanwhile, the Museum foyer was filling with the military personnel who would be taking their places for their official group photos with their Colonel-in-Chief. Officers and senior NCOs of the King's Own Calgary Regiment, the Calgary Highlanders and 33 Field Engineer Squadron took their places. Invited military and civilian guests moved to their assigned places and General Stewart and I moved into the PPCLI Gallery. With Warrant Officer Wanvig and Sergeant Walker manning the doors, we stood by. Soon the motorcade arrived in a roar of a police motorcycle escort. We watched as the Royal couple arrived to be greeted by the official party including Regimental Major Ted Giraldeau in his capacity as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Museum of the Regiments. Our gallery doors closed and we waited.

With the photo shoot completed, the doors opened and General Stewart and I sprang to attention, saluted and bade them welcome. The Queen and Prince Philip shook our hands in greeting and the tour was on. Great interest was expressed by the Queen in the WWI bunker and the headstone of the Unknown Sergeant. When we got to the WWII Battle of Britain video, I asked her Majesty if she would be so kind to confirm if it was she who appeared in the video with another young woman member of the Army Territorial Service running from a bunker to crew an anti-aircraft gun. I ran the video and in the first ten seconds the scene appeared, both Prince Philip and the Queen stated that, "Oh no, she had been an ambulance driver in the war."

Moving on, we quickly covered the WWII, Korea and Peacekeeping displays to arrive at the new display where the Royal couple graciously posed for a group photo. A stop in the Memorial Hall of Honour and a look at our three Victoria Crosses completed the tour. On leaving, the Queen remarked that the Gallery "is really well done and thank you both."

General Stewart and I then stood aside as the accompanying entourage filed out the door. Deputy Prime Minister Anne McLellan thanked me and remarked that she must return. The Queen's Equerry thanked us for saving two and a half minutes on the tour and the last to leave, Mr. Christopher Geidt thanked me for saving them time and for my remembering "to warn Her Majesty about the bad footing in the bunker". General Stewart shook my hand and the Royal visit was over. I shall treasure always the honour afforded me.

Editor's Note:

Maj Rod Middleton, (Ret'd), is a tireless volunteer at the Museum of the Regiments and routinely provides guided historical tours to all ages.

He is a veteran of 2 PPCLI Korea.



The Regimental Museum and Archives

Much of the first half of 2005 was spent in preparation for the artefact collection storage move. Renovations to the basement area of the Museum of the Regiments were completed in May 2005 and all of the Regimental Museums spent a portion of the summer moving their collections downstairs. The PPCLI Regimental Museum artefact collection was moved in August and in October a new space-saver, moveable art storage unit was installed to house the framed art collection. The main advantage of the new storage facility is that the increased square footage ensures that artefacts are more accessible than they were in the much smaller upstairs storage area.



On the 25th of May 2005, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and His Royal Highness Prince Phillip, The Duke of Edinburgh, attended the Museum of the Regiments during their short visit to Calgary. During the whirlwind visit, Her Majesty sat for photographs with three of Her regiments and was taken on a brief tour of the PPCLI Gallery. In preparation of Her Majesty's visit a temporary display was set up in the Gallery featuring the Presentation of Her Colours to the First Battalion 17 July 1959. At the end of the visit, Her Majesty unveiled a commemorative plaque renaming the Museum atrium the "Queen Elizabeth II Atrium".

In June, a new rotating display was installed in the old Colours case, located in the First Battalion foyer in Edmonton, on the Founder and the Founding of the Regiment. This display is slated to change yearly. Items for exhibit purposes were also loaned to E Coy for display in the LDSH(RC) lines, the Museum of the Regiment's "Korea" display and the Mewburn Veteran's Centre.

Jenny MacGregor Morris, "London Mother of the Princess Pats", was featured in the exhibit: "Alberta Communities Then and Now", which ran at the Royal Alberta Museum from 3 June 2005 to 15 January 2006. The exhibit highlighted her travels to Alberta in September 1938, where she met with PPCLI veterans in Edmonton, Jasper, Red Deer, Calgary and Banff.

Just in time for Remembrance Day, three new mobile display cases were installed in the Museum Gallery. The display themes are currently: "Cyprus", "The Medak Pocket" and "Afghanistan". These display cases will change regularly and be used to primarily to exhibit peacekeeping operations.

The Museum and Archives received and catalogued approximately 480 artifacts and archival items during 2005. The most notable acquisitions were the military memorabilia, accoutrements and archival records of Brigadier R. S. Graham, former Colonel of the Regiment, and 47 audiotape interviews with veterans of the First World War. A large collection of Second War "Current Reports From Overseas" pamphlets and cold weather training manuals were also added to the Regimental Archives.

On a final note, the Regimental Museum staff (now down to two!) said goodbye to Sgt. Rick Walker who had been serving as the Regimental Archivist since the summer of 2004. Rick is now employed as a Safety Officer for Cana Construction at the new Courthouse in downtown Calgary.



Jenny MacGregor Morris being inaugurated as an Honorary Chief in Calgary, 1938



Promotions

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Maj Boyuk GMA
Maj Fletcher WH

Maj Gallinger KA
Maj Grubb SA

Maj Wright MC
Maj Zilkans GT

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Capt Grant GD
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Capt Mundy GM
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Capt Thomas HA
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The following soldiers of the Regiment have taken their retirement after 20 years (or more) of dedicated and loyal service:

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Sgt B.D. Allen, CD
Sgt R.E. Dooley, CD
Sgt W.L. Duval, CD
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WO R.S. Lewis, CD
WO Nicholson, CD
WO G.K. Ryan, CD
WO Therrien, CD

Sgt D.R. Bradley, CD
Sgt K.G. Dunn, CD
Sgt R.D. Evans, CD
Sgt R.O. Gilks, CD
Sgt L.S. Grant, CD
Sgt K.A. Karambowich, CD
Sgt E.W. Mandrusiak, CD
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Sgt M.A. Sampson, CD
Sgt D.W. Schmidt, CD
Sgt W. Solares, CD
Sgt R. Walker, CD

Cpl R.W. Buck, CD
Cpl S. Murrant, CD
Cpl R. Volpato, CD



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Most Physically Fit:	Pte Manz J.W.R. (Calgary AB)
Most Improved:	Pte Zaharoff C.J. (Port Alberni BC)
Platoon Commander:	2Lt Richard B.J.
Platoon Warrant:	WO Robson S.B.
Reviewing Officer:	Maj Boyuk G.M.A.

DP1 INFANTRY 0506

HITLER LINE PLATOON Graduation date: 15 Jul 05

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Top Shot:	Pte Bergeron R.R.J. (Calgary AB)
Most Physically Fit:	Pte Kinoshita D.T. (Vancouver BC)
Most Improved:	Pte Hook T.L. (Rossland BC)
Platoon Commander:	Capt Peters A.W.
Platoon Warrant:	WO Cloutier A.F.
Reviewing Officer:	LCol Eyre W.D.

DP1 INFANTRY 0503

AMIENS PLATOON Graduation date: 18 Apr 05

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Top Shot:	Pte Klassen W.B. (Killarney, MB)
Most Physically Fit:	Pte Tonn L.E. (Kelowna, BC)
Most Improved:	Pte Haut M.J. (Spruce Grove, AB)
Platoon Commander:	Lt Code J.J.
Platoon Warrant :	Sgt Connors N.M.
Reviewing Officer:	Maj Oliphant D.A.

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The PPCLI Association, primarily the Calgary Branch, has been operating casinos in Calgary since 1984 to raise monies to support and sustain our Gallery in the Museum of the Regiments. To date, in excess of \$500,000.00 has been raised.

The next casino to be run by the Association is in the Fall of 2006 in Calgary over a weekend period, volunteers are welcome from serving or retired soldiers.

See your Branch or contact Regimental Headquarters for more information.



1 PPCLI Dares to Prepare

2005 was a year with acute focus for 1 PPCLI. With Op ARCHER on the horizon, a lot of training and preparation had to be done before we were combat ready. With LCol Ian Hope and RSM Randy Northrup at the helm, we navigated some rough seas over the course of the year, but it came together in the end. If there is a major theme that runs through each company's take on the year, it can be summed up by Bobby Knight's maxim: "The will to win is not as important as the will to PREPARE to win."

Red Devils Rule (The ground, amongst other things)

The Red Devils ruled the ground that was 2005. With the upcoming mission in Afghanistan focussing training, the company gained a new collective skill set, drawing on the experience of its soldiers and the lessons learned from overseas. With a new Chief Devil, the company prepared itself for its work overseas.

Maj Quealey handed over the reins and the pitchfork to Maj Gallinger part way through the year, and A Coy bid adieu to the man who lit the flames again in A Coy's lines. Maj Quealey and CSM Leger brought the proud name of the Red Devils to prominence again (and the CQ has made a lot of money off of the resulting merchandising), with the company battle cry once again ringing through the battalion's hangar. After guiding A Coy through its rebuilding stages, where the skills to fight with the LAV were honed, Maj Quealey moved on to become the 1 CMBG G3, and the newly minted Maj Gallinger took over in anticipation of Op ARCHER.

Ex SPRING RAM was the first major exercise of the year, where 1VP had the dual task of training itself to Level 4 Live, and helping prepare 3VP for their mission in Afghanistan. The highlight of that ex was Sgt Proctor's Dirkaville town, a replica of what the 3VP soldiers would be operating in overseas. Complete with role players and goats, Sgt Proctor set a standard that will be emulated by CMTC in realistic training. His insurgents, intransigent tribal leaders, and goat riots raised some eyebrows, and caused some fits. It also taught some harsh lessons, which benefited those deploying, and satisfied Sgt Proctor's sadistic streak (and for information of the Scott Proctor Canadian Institute for the Elimination of Stupidity, just ask him for his manifesto).

After summer leave, the Red Devils geared up for Ex PHOENIX RAM, which would serve as the last major training event before deployment. There, soldiers at all levels were put through their paces in a realistic environment. This included pl comds getting their orders five



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minutes before H-Hour, and running down their line of LAVs in the rain yelling "Move now, grid to follow" (to both the weary looks and I-told-you-so smiles of their NCOs).

The Red Devils learned that there are limits, and found ways around them, as exemplified by their hectic "Hell Day", when they attacked three objectives in succession. Even in this day and age, with SAS, digital secure comms, and satellite imagery, nothing in this Power Point world can replace the guts and leadership found at all levels, right down to the fire team. Throughout PHOENIX RAM, the Red Devils made this point daily.

With Op ARCHER on the horizon, the Red Devils prepared to deploy during the balance of 2005 with little false bravado, but a great sense of purpose. With a mission that has great strategic import, as well as the potential positive impact on the people of Afghanistan, the Red Devils went into Christmas well aware of what was on their shoulders. But ground was made to be ruled, and it doesn't matter to the Red Devils where it is.

God Speed to all, and as CSM Leger says, "Red Devil out."



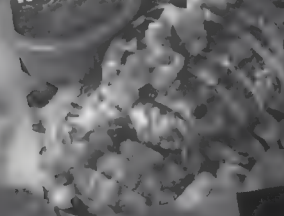
Bulldogs in Business

2005 was a busy year for B Company 1 PPCLI. The year began in Afghanistan with the Company deployed on Op ATHENA Roto 2. Upon returning to Canada in February, the soldiers of B Coy enjoyed a well-deserved period of leave before falling back into a regular routine of training and exercises. Beginning in April, B Coy participated in the trials for the DFS Team, including a JCATS exercise, Ex COMBINED STRIKE, and a garrison exercise, Ex WORTHY STRIKE. In May and June, the battalion deployed to Wainwright on Ex SPRING RAM. There we had the opportunity to run platoon level live fire ranges in order to assist A and C



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Companies' impending deployment on Op ARCHER. Upon our return from Wainwright, several members of the Company deployed to Golden, B.C. to run a basic mountain operations course. Following summer leave, B Coy departed for Banff to carry out adventure training. Ex BULLDOG TREK was undertaken to provide a positive final collective experience for a tight knit group of soldiers and Officers before a battalion re-organization. The exercise consisted of a 105km hike in the mountains surrounding Lake Minnewanka, including hiking to the 8000 ft summit of Black Rock Mountain. Over the course of 6 days, mountains were scaled, rivers crossed, blisters born, and war stories hatched. A short visit by the CQ staff, with a canteen filled full of beer and steak on day 3, had a miraculous effect on morale, not to mention boosting the CQ's reputation. August through to November saw a return to conventional training with LAV Gunner, PLQ and PSWQ courses. In November, soldiers deployed to CMTC as part of the SAT 2 trial of the Weapons Effects Simulator, which will form the basis of future validations of units deploying on operations. Participants had the opportunity to use the WES equipment while acting as enemy force and wreaking havoc on the helpless citizens of Stromaia.

Charlie Good to Go

You could say the theme for 2005 for C Company was Afghanistan. Having known for a year that our battalion was going to travel to Afghanistan in the early part of 2006, we made sure that all events and training had this in mind. From the PCF (Primary Combat Function) cycle at the beginning of the year to the TMST (Theatre Mission Specific Training) at the end of the year, our mission was always the primary focus.

After Christmas our PCF cycle started, and it revolved around the LAV III. After having a limited number of personnel qualified to use the LAV III the previous year, C Company made sure that there would be plenty of qualified people this year. There were gunner courses and driver courses running from mid January until the end March and all these soldiers were able to make use of their new-found skills during the remainder of the year. Soldier skills were tested as well during the PSWQ (Platoon Support Weapon Qualification) course and the Basic Recce Course that also took place in February and March. These skills were also put to the test, especially during Ex SPRING RAM.





May brought Ex SPRING RAM, where we practiced new skills and old tricks, and to help prepare 3VP for their upcoming mission to Afghanistan in 2005. The exercise started with the usual weapons ranges, and then we expanded from pairs level live fire to company level live fire ranges. The first part of the month had us practicing dismounted attacks so that we could prove a live fire company range for 3 VP to use as part of their training. After the weapons ranges, C company helped set up, prepare, and move into the village known as Six Hills, located on range 16 in Wainwright. Each person had a role to play in the village and at other locations where similar training was ongoing. There were many lectures given to us on how locals from Afghanistan act and how they interact with Coalition Forces in their country. This gave us a better understanding of what we would be heading into and how to deal with situations that left 3 VP scratching their heads and trying again. After this portion of the exercise we moved to section attacks, but this time mounted in our LAV III's. Once the exercise was done at the end of May, there was a whole month to prepare for summer leave in July.



Ex EXECUTIVE HUNTER 2005



After summer leave C Company started training right away knowing that there would not be that much time to fit all the things required to learn in the short amount of time left. August brought a lot of personal weapons training and a new concept called the Gun Fighter Program. Using a program developed from some of the senior staff at 3 VP and other outside sources, C Company started teaching this new program. As well, the end of the month brought the Mountain Man competition. There were a lot of participants from across the battalion and 1 VP, C company included, did very well this year. All this geared C Company up for the two upcoming months, which brought us to our longest exercise in years.

During September and October, 1 CMBG traveled to Wainwright to commence the Brigade Training Event called Ex PHOENIX RAM. This exercise began with weapons ranges and personal skills, and worked its way up to Combat Team attacks. This was an opportunity for C Company to practice old skills and learn new ones, including some night live fire ranges. All of this training led up to brigade level training, which had all the battalion running at full steam. This was a new thing for a lot of people who haven't experienced this level of training before.

Upon redeploying back to Edmonton there wasn't a moment of respite due to the limited amount of training time available and so much left to accomplish. After a furious few days of post exercise drills, TMST training commenced. Everything from cultural briefings to negotiations, November and December have been incredible busy but all this will be worth it when we deploy to Afghanistan in 2006.



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What's in a Name? CBT SP/HQ COY Marches on...

Combat Support Company had a busy year in 2005, with several activities and two name changes. The Coy initially was going to be called ISTAR Coy then the name was changed to HQ Coy for Op ARCHER Roto 1. Despite what we are called, the company remained operationally focused and we eagerly accepted all tasks with vigour. The focus on training was for the deployment to AFGHANISTAN, with special attention being paid to counter insurgency operations and the integration of 12 RBC assets. Having mastered our skills, the company is ready and eager to assume the AO in RC SOUTH.

Recce PI had a robust trg year that saw the PI conduct a rigorous patrolling exercise in Vernon and Kamloops. Ex SPARTAN ASCENT began to prepare Recce PI for the challenges to be faced on Op ARCHER in Afghanistan. Section were tasked with establishing OPs in adverse terrain that culminated in a successful platoon size raid on an insurgent camp. Insurgency Warfare continued for Recce PI during Ex SPRING RAM, only from the other side of the fence. Recce PI provided 3 PPCLI with a formidable insurgent force in the Wainwright Freedom Fighters (WFF). This enabled Recce PI to employ some real time insurgent tactics to best train the PRT leaving for Afghanistan. Immediately after the exercise, Recce PI returned to BC and completed a Basic Mountain Operations course in Golden qualifying the entire platoon. On the BTE the platoon further refined their skills by conducting an integrated ISTAR exercise with 12 RBC.



Sigs PI deployed on Ex SPRING RAM and Ex PHOENIX RAM. The PI established the Bn HQ and provided support via the LCIS, RRB, Line, Crypto, CO's Tac and Signals Training sections. The new CP complex provided several challenges during the initial set up. Despite not having conducted a movement exercise in recent memory, step-up drills went exceedingly well and by the end of the ex the platoon was extremely proficient. During the year, members of Sigs PI attended and taught numerous courses in preparation for Afghanistan, which included AN/PRC 117 courses in Rochester, New York in March and November. As well, Sigs PI sent Pte Williams to Belgium in November and December as a member of the Canadian Forces CISM Basketball team.

This past year was very active for 1 PPCLI Snipers. With the addition of five newly qualified snipers, the section currently stands at nine members. Our primary focus was increasing the number of qualified snipers in the battalion. Two Basic Sniper serials were



conducted at CFB Dundurn, SK. Nearly 40 candidates were selected on both serials, and approximately 50% were successful. This holds true that the sniper qualification is still amongst the most difficult to achieve in the CF. Despite that, the courses run contained some of the highest pass percentages, which is a credit to the professional and knowledgeable instructors from across the western area.

1 PPCLI Snipers participated in two international sniper competitions at Gagetown, New Brunswick and Fort Benning, Georgia. The competitions concentrated on "Sniper-Specific" operations, which provided excellent training value and facilitated liaison among international sniper communities. Conversion training for our new Medium Range Sniper Weapon (.338 Timber Wolf) is still in the works and will hopefully occur prior deploying to Afghanistan in February.



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*Above: Dennis Brennan
(left) in Korea outside coy
stores*





The History of Taps

I too have felt the chills while listening to "Taps" but I have never seen all the words to the song until now. I didn't even know there was more than one verse. I also never knew the story behind the song, and I didn't know if you had either so I thought I'd pass it along. I now have an even deeper respect for the song than I did before.

Reportedly, it all began in 1862 during the Civil War, when Union Army Captain Robert Ellicombe was with his men near Harrison's Landing in Virginia. The Confederate Army was on the other side of the narrow strip of land; during the night, Captain Ellicombe heard the moans of a soldier who lay severely wounded on the field. Not knowing if it was a Union or Confederate soldier, the Captain decided to risk his life and bring the stricken man back for medical attention. Crawling on his stomach through the gunfire, the Captain reached the stricken soldier and began pulling him toward his encampment.

When the Captain finally reached his own lines, he discovered it was actually a Confederate soldier, but the soldier was dead. The Captain lit a lantern and suddenly caught his breath and went numb with shock. In the dim light, he saw the face of the soldier. It was his own son.

The boy had been studying music in the South when the war broke out and without telling his father, the boy enlisted in the Confederate Army. The following morning, heartbroken, the father asked permission of his superiors to give his son a full military burial, despite his enemy status. His request was only partially granted.

The Captain had asked if he could have a group of Army band members play a funeral dirge for his son at the funeral. The request was turned down since the soldier was a Confederate. But, out of respect for the father, they did say they could give him only one musician. The Captain chose a bugler. He asked the bugler to play a series of musical notes he had found on a piece of paper in the pocket of the dead youth's uniform. This wish was granted. The haunting melody, we now know as "Taps" ... used at military funerals was born. The words are :

Day is done..
Gone the sun.
From the lakes.
From the hills.
From the sky.
All is well.
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Fading light.
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The Second Battalion has completed its first full year as a "resident" of Shilo. No longer nomads, the members of the Battalion have become an important part of the Base, the community and Western Manitoba. 2005 has been a year filled with great successes during training in the field and in sporting competitions.

January - March

The return to work after Christmas leave saw the Battalion engaged in the 1 CMBG-coordinated, LAV-focussed PCF cycle that was not completed until early March. While our portion was conducted in Shilo, the trainees came from across the Brigade. We took time out to stage another outstanding performance at Ex STRONG CONTENDER, successfully winning the overall 2005 Major Unit Aggregate Award – that makes three in a row! The volleyball team was the class of its field, playing extremely well and winning gold. Members of the 2 PPCLI Volleyball team went on to form the core of the Base Shilo team that competed in and won the CF National Championship. The Battalion's hockey team played well throughout the tournament only to lose a "heartbreaker" in overtime in the semi-finals. The floor hockey team had an excellent showing placing second. The soccer team found itself in a tough pool with the team from BATUS. The team missed the playoffs by one win; however, they were the only team to score a single goal against BATUS – an accomplishment worthy of note! Despite a valiant effort the broomball squad suffered a tough loss in the "semis" and placed fourth.



The Regina Pats of the WHL visited 2 PPCLI (between games with the Brandon Wheat Kings) in February, taking advantage of their off-day and became acquainted with the Regiment and their team's namesake. The players were given a brief history lesson and tour of the Kapyong Barracks unit lines. The Battalion presented an equipment display that was enthusiastically received by the young players. Following a team practice at Gunner Arena, children from the Base were invited to skate with The Pats. Many received Pats memorabilia, collected signatures and posed for photos with their favourite players.

Regimental Day was again a highlight for the Second Battalion. The day was naturally filled with camaraderie and Broom-i-loo. While winning and losing is not as important as the esprit de corps fostered on this day, for posterity it should be noted that the victors were: Alpha Company, the Ptes/Cpls, and the Officers.

April – May



After a busy PCF cycle, 2 PPCLI conducted Ex ROBUST PATRICIA in Shilo. After completing IBTS for all members of the Battalion, we deployed to the training area and the further honing of collective dismounted and LAV skills and TTPs – the latter was something not practised since the unit moved to Shilo in the summer 2004. The training involved: a LAV gun camp; the conduct of ranges from static “shoots” for individual vehicle crews to LIVE fire platoon attacks; and DRY company attacks. This training culminated with a three-day battalion mechanized FTX prior to the May long weekend. Many lessons were learned and further aided in the Battalion’s focus of professionalizing LAV skills. All agreed that it was a great end to a long training period. The newer soldiers in the Battalion were also introduced to springtime in Shilo - snow and poison ivy!

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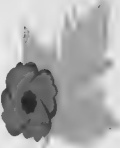
June

With the arrival of summer came further poison ivy-related maladies and (inevitably) individual tasks. It was also an opportunity for the Battalion to conduct section and platoon level urban operations training. The skills of Sgt Mike Forest as an instructor and Sgt Ron Sargent as a pioneer were put to good use and achieved exceptional results. After a couple weeks of training in Sgt Sargent's kill house, the soldiers were a little bruised and battered from the simunition and lumber, but much wiser in the conduct operations in an urban environment.



July

Summer Leave (unless you were on a task!).



August

Once summer leave finished the Second Battalion shifted its focus to two events: Ex MOUNTAIN MAN; and preparations for all of the collective training planned for the fall. The 2 PPCLI Mountain Man team deployed to Edmonton as a well-trained and extremely well prepared group for the Brigade's annual competition. They returned as the Major Unit Champions with some noteworthy individual performances; specifically, MCpl Al Verzyl was the fastest competitor in the Masters Category for the second year in row (as well as #2 overall); and Cpl Kevin Cochrane completed the course with the most improved time from last year's event. Congratulations to all members of the team as they all completed the gruelling competition.

September

The Battalion deployed to the field in Shilo for two weeks in early September for Ex PHOENIX PATRICIA. The majority of the exercise focused on the conduct of live fire ranges including pairs, section, and culminated with a platoon range using LAVs and supporting indirect



fire from B Bty 1 RCHA. The exercise concluded with an assault on an insurgent strongpoint in the village of RIDERVILLE. The scenario tested the ability to conduct operations across the full spectrum of conflict and useful lessons were learned and the importance of the "strategic corporal" was certainly reinforced. This training prepared the soldiers of the Battalion for what awaited in Wainwright and the Brigade Training Event (BTE). It was during Exercise PHOENIX PATRICIA that the decision was made that Bravo Company would be deploying to Afghanistan in January 2006 with 1 PPCLI. This was welcomed news for the company and reinforced the importance of the fall's training plan.

October

The Second Battalion complete deployed to Wainwright in late September for the 1 CMBG BTE (Ex PHOENIX RAM) and were not home again until the week before "trick or treating". During this time in Wainwright, each of the companies completed Brigade-directed stand training focussed on full spectrum operations (the highlight had to be Brian the Lama) and culminated in a company level live fire range. As part of the BTE, the soldiers of 2 PPCLI (less Bravo Company) then transitioned to OPFOR in support of work-up training for the forces deploying to Afghanistan (the highlight was Alpha Company's brilliant tactical execution of the "Massacre at Six Hills"). After this, we broke out our "civies" and assumed the role of non-combatants, and belligerents for the final phase of the work-up training. The scope of operations and tasks performed by the soldiers of the Second Battalion and complexity of many of the



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ranges during the BTE, served to make this a memorable event for all. We (again) truly learned the training value (and bruising effect) of simunition.

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November

The month of November can be described in three ways: SAT 2, TMSBP, and Moosimin. With Administration Company having supported all three of these "operations"... at the same time! Alpha Company went back to Wainwright at the end of the first week and did not return until the first of December. They took part in the next stage of the instrumented system trial for CMTC (a.k.a. SAT 2) and were able to experience the true joy of late fall/early winter in this particular part of Alberta. Notwithstanding the joys of unlimited access to MeatCo jerky, the younger soldiers of Alpha Company may now have a better appreciation, with an entire fall spent in Wainwright, of the "old dogs" war stories surrounding two-month deployments on RVs! The remainder of the Battalion stayed in Shilo and supported Bravo Company's TMSBP ("son of TMST") training in preparation for their January 2006 deployment. This was a period where Charlie Company's expertise and enthusiasm for reflexive shooting, enhanced driving and counter-ambush drills paid huge dividends for the soldiers of Bravo Company, those going "over" to train the Afghan National Army and those who will be working in the NSE.

This year's Remembrance Day activities were special as the spirit of "2005 – The Year of the Veteran" was at the forefront. The Second Battalion provided a full Guard on the Base Shilo parade and Bravo Company sent a contingent to ceremonies in Moosimin, SK – the town where Major G.H. "Harry" Mullen - one of the Regiment's three Victoria Cross winners - is buried. This was an opportunity for the members of 5 Platoon to appreciate our Regiment's past and celebrate with surviving veterans - they all agreed that they would not soon forget the experiences of that day!

December

As the year drew to a close and preparations for the "Christmas Season" were well underway, the Second Battalion received news of the formal decision that Alpha Company would be deploying with 1 RCR in August of 2006 to Afghanistan, much to the delight of those soldiers who are remaining behind as Bravo Company goes "out the door". The traditional Christmas activities were held with the Ptes/Cpls hockey team triumphant in their contest against the



MCpls, and the WOs and Sgts soundly trouncing the Officers. In late November 2005, we were saddened to hear of the passing of the Second Battalion's first CO – Colonel "Big Jim" Stone. On the last day prior to going away on Christmas leave we conducted our memorial parade to honour his service and contribution to this Battalion, the Regiment, and also to this country. For all members of 2 PPCLI, this seemed a most fitting way to close out "2005 – The Year of the Veteran".







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Hastings Lake



Donald Hastings was a volunteer soldier in the Canadian Army fighting with the United Nations in Korea. He holds the unfortunate distinction of being the only soldier from North Vancouver killed in the Korean War and the only soldier from British Columbia whose body was never recovered. Donald has no final resting-place.

Donald Hastings was born in North Battleford, Saskatchewan March 20, 1929. He moved to B.C., living in the interior including Vernon and eventually settled down in North Vancouver. He finished schooling at North Vancouver High, completing grade 10. Donald was a confident young man and during his school days participated in Cadets. One of his favorite pass-times was swimming.

Donald Hastings enlisted in the Canadian Army on July 26, 1945, volunteering for service in the Pacific Theatre. He served in the Merchant Navy, Canadian Army Pacific Force July 26, 1945 to June 14, 1946. The war in the Pacific ended in August and he was honourably discharged on June 14, 1946. Donald earned the Canadian Volunteer Service Medal.



Donald re-enlisted in the Canadian Forces, Vancouver, January 17, 1949. He was posted to the famed Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, Calgary Alberta. When the Korean War began, Cpl Hastings was sent to Korea, arriving on the peninsula January 30, 1952. Cpl Hastings was part of the Sniper Section and was Killed In Action (KIA) on the "Richardson Patrol" October 15, 1952. The area where Cpl Hastings had fallen was overrun by the enemy and heavily shelled by Canadian Gunners. No trace of Cpl Hastings could be found.

Donald Hastings is commemorated at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan, Republic of Korea. His name is also inscribed on a memorial tablet in North Vancouver, British Columbia.

Hastings Lake was named as part of the Remembrance Day ceremonies on 11 November 2005. Hastings Lake is located in Mount Seymour Provincial Park, in North Vancouver. It is a small lake at grid reference 06(55 degrees) North and just below 70 degrees West. Grid references are taken from Map 92G7, Port Coquitlam, New Westminster land District, Scale 1: 50 000.

Editor's Note:

Mr Guy F. Black, on his own, researched and submitted this proposal to the B.C. Government seeing this project through to fruition, with his only connection being a next door neighbor and friend, Mrs Phyllis Hastings, sister-in-law to Cpl Hastings. Mr Black served in the Engineer Corp, Cadets and the Reserves.



Donald Hastings wedding in Calgary Alberta, April 1949



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The Third Battalion started 2005 winning the usual accolades in the Strong Contender Hockey Championships as it dominated the competition. Shortly afterwards, two outstanding sub-unit activities occurred when B Coy deployed to the Marine Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport California, followed by a C Coy move to train with 13 MEU prior to their deployment to IRAQ. Spring saw the unit standing up the Light Task Force as the Army's Strategic Reserve and then deploy to Wainwright for Ex SPRING RAM and Ex LIGHT FIGHTER. Many kilometers, live-fire ranges and one soul sucking "After Action Review" later, the Battalion was declared OPRED. Focus immediately shifted towards preparing Weapons Platoon for a Theatre Activation Task in support of OP ARCHER and training B Coy as the Patrol Coy for the PRT. After several challenging TMST stands, they were deployed to the dusty desert paradise of Kandahar. After summer leave the Battalion once again was tasked for training support, this time for the BTE. The fall period saw the Battalion once again preparing other units for deployment as it conducted numerous Gunfighter and TMST training stands as well as IBTS catch-up for those departing for Afghanistan in the New Year. All in all it was a busy year, but with the focus now shifting towards preparing for TF 0207, the Battalion is looking forward towards a challenging and exciting new year in 2006.

A Coy

2005 was a re-building year for A Company. Spring began with A Company tasked with running IBTS for the Battalion. At the same time, Major Errington and MWO Murphy were creating training scenarios for the PRT Patrol Company and Weapons Platoon. In preparation for the upcoming missions, we conducted Ex SPRING RAM which focused on live-fire training by both day and night, and Ex LIGHT FIGHTER where we advanced to contact by day, and conducted platoon raids using helicopter insertion and extraction at night. In late spring, there was a change of command with Major J.M. Doucet becoming our new OC.





Summer was relatively quiet, though the OC, Company Sergeant Major (CSM), and Company Quarter Master Sergeant (CQ) reconnoitred Cambridge Bay, Nunavut for our Sovereignty Operation (SOVOP) in March 06. While driving through the permafrost they crossed a lone male musk ox, the unruly musk ox positioned itself in front of the vehicle and lowered its head for a fight with our OC, CSM, and CQ. The CSM must have said something because the old bull backed down, bowed his head and turned towards its herd in defeat. At this point the CQ, Warrant Officer Poffley, noticed that one of its legs was broken, and from experience commented "that's a 3VP musk ox." He must have seen something of himself in the beast.



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Fall started off with an adventure training exercise in British Columbia. The first few days were a round robin, involving rock climbing, sea kayaking, a visit to the navy for their rum ration, and a tour of the HMCS Calgary. We finished the training by marching the Juan De Fuca Trail in three days for a total distance of 47km – it was either straight up or straight down.

Winter was a busy time, as all of the Company's soldiers were tasked to support Ex PHOENIX RAM, the Brigade Training Event, as Range Staff for level 5 live fire training. Sgt Cooper's stand was particularly challenging, revealing our need to rehearse our medical standard operating procedures more frequently.

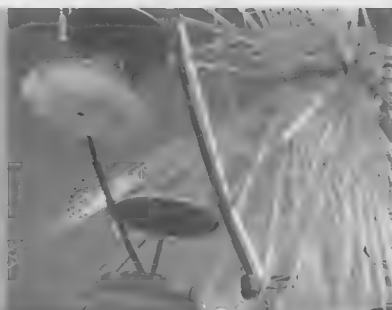
A Company conducted Ex WINTER PATRICIA in Dundurn, Saskatchewan in order to prepare for our SOVOP in the upcoming year: Phase 1 of the training consisted of winter warfare skill sets, tent routine, a stalking stand and navigation stand; Phase 2 consisted of platoon-on-platoon reconnaissance; and Phase 3 concluded the exercise on a high note with platoon bridge raids.



The year ended with the annual Christmas Bash. It was a memorable night for those able to remember. Our Company was intimately involved with the Children's' Christmas Party. Cpl Doyle, parading as Santa Claus, descended from a helicopter to deliver presents. Capt Thomas, appropriately, was his helper elf. For A Company, it was a transition year requiring much hard work and long hours, but we were rewarded with pertinent training and the regeneration of the Company. Next year will be dedicated to preparation for the SOVOP in Cambridge Bay and Task Force 04-07.



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B Coy

B Coy had a very active year in 2005. In March, the company conducted a Basic Mountain Operations Course and a mountain operations exercise, at the USMC Mountain Warfare Training Center (MWTC) located near Bridgeport, California. The focus was the BMO qualification; additionally, we conducted mountain mobility training that had personnel snowshoeing, skiing and hauling ten-man tent groups around the mountains; the Marines observed and shook their heads at us, as their tents are considerably smaller and lighter (being designed for the mountains).

Shortly after our return from California, we were given the news that we would form the basis for the Patrol Company of the Kandahar PRT. With newly developed Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures and a new mission focus, we completed a short Theatre Mission Specific Training (TMST) package and were declared OPRED. Upon arrival in Afghanistan in July, we immediately assumed security tasks for the PRT camp, as well as taking over convoy escort tasks. The first two months were hectic; improving the camp, presence patrolling, escorting VIPs and bringing in the equipment and personnel needed to sustain the mission.

Unlike many other operations that Company personnel have deployed on previously, this mission had the unique dangers of Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs) and suicide bombers. To date, the enemy has attacked Patrol Coy five times, in addition to those attacks, one potential attack was foiled and several IEDs were found in the Area of Operations, before they could be employed. We have suffered five personnel seriously wounded and one civilian member of the PRT was killed. Capt Manuel Panchana-Moya and Pte Ryan Crawford both suffered significant leg and foot injuries when Anti Coalition Militia (ACM) forces initiated a Pressure Plate IED that destroyed their vehicle. Pte Murdock, the luckiest soldier in Canada, was threatened with a desertion charge by CSM Bolen when, during the same incident, he left the LUVW that was attacked uninjured and without authority (having been blown out of the vehicle, along with his turret). Fortunately, for Pte Murdock, the CSM became more interested in 'liberating' a





machinegun from the Arghistan District to make into a display back in Edmonton. In the most recent, and tragic, incident (15 Jan 06), Pte William Salikin (3 PPCLI), Cpl Jeff Bailey (1 CER) and MCpl Paul Franklin (1 Fd Amb) were all wounded in action by a Suicide Vehicle Borne IED and Mr Glyn Berry, the PRT Foreign Affairs Canada representative, was killed.

Overall, the operations conducted under some adversity, have served to provide a sense of accomplishment and cohesion amongst the soldiers. As the tour ends, we pray for the recovery of our wounded colleagues and look forward to seeing our families and loved ones again.



C Coy (Parachute)

2005 began with the majority of the Company either as instructors or as candidates in order to prepare for the up-coming year. As individual training and instruction wound down, C Coy began to prepare for upcoming NEO and IRU tasks.

March - April 2005 was the highlight as C Coy deployed to California to train with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. This outstanding exercise was valuable because it focused on developing and improving individual and collective skills in urban warfare. The lessons learned were extremely valuable and the Marines were very forthcoming with their experiences and knowledge gained from Iraq.

In late April, C Coy deployed to Wainwright for Ex LIGHT FIGHTER. The first half focused on a series of dry and live field firing. These ranges increased the soldier's confidence in their individual and collective skills. The second half consisted of scenarios that one may expect to face while deployed overseas. The exercise culminated in a Battalion attack on an enemy village and terrorist training camp, which put to the test all our skills and capabilities.



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In June, we helped prepare B Coy for the PRT mission in Afghanistan. The result was a weeklong exercise focused on section level scenarios that included convoy escort, VIP escort and inter-action with the local population after an incident. It was a valuable experience that gave all involved the opportunity to learn, while watching other soldiers and leaders dealt with difficult situation by thinking 'outside the box.'

Before a well-earned summer vacation, we prepared for the First Special Service Force (FSSF) Reunion in Calgary. This reunion was especially important, as it was to be the Devils Brigade's second last reunion and the last one in Canada. For C Coy, it was a great privilege to participate and support this reunion.

September's focus was preparation for the BTE in Wainwright. C Coy's role was to organize a stand revolving around a terrorist training camp, imbedded within a local village. This forced commanders to develop a plan that would achieve their objective while minimizing the negative affects on the village.

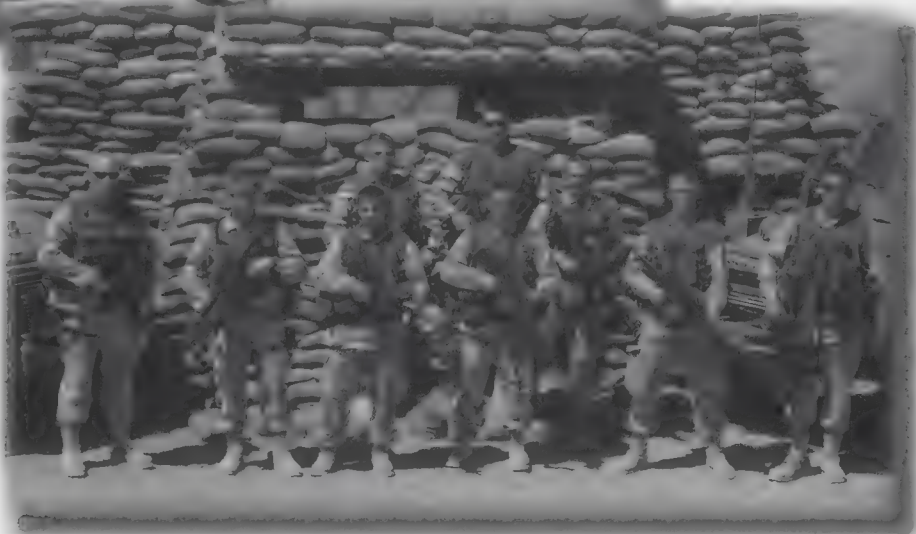
These preparations were interrupted by a tragic accident when 3PPCLI's Unit Embarkation Officer (UEO) WO Sheppard, passed away while training in Trenton. This struck C Coy especially hard because of our close ties with WO Sheppard. WO Sheppard will be truly missed but never forgotten by C Coy.



While in Wainwright, 9 PI C Coy received word that they would be deploying to Kabul to provide a security force for Camp Julien. The soldiers had no problems providing effective security while supporting Camp Closure Team's timeframe to dismantle the camp. After a two-month tour, 9 PI returned to Edmonton in time to spend Christmas with their families. Like any other year, December was a race to the finish, with C Coy attempting to prepare for the new year ahead, finishing all the outstanding administration and participating in the holiday season before all the troops went on Christmas leave.

Administration Company

Administration Company hit the ground running in January 2005 and never looked back. The new year started with the stand-up of Surge 05 Task Force and the creation of the first of the new Forward Support Group (FSG) constructed to provide both integral and second/third-line support. The stand-up of the FSG required the bulk of Administration Company to augment shortfalls in the available Service Battalion manning. As a result, the FSG became a composite sub-unit containing a mix of Maintainers, Supply Technicians, Cooks and Clerks from both units. The requirement to man the FSG as our first priority left the bare minimum of personnel



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within Administration Company required to support the balance of 3 PPCLI (which in turn supported the work-up training of the Task Force).

Our Surge 05 Task Force training started with Exercises SPRING RAM and LIGHT FIGHTER. The first two weeks focused on individual training including MLOC, with the FSG leadership concurrently developing concepts and SOPs for the provision of Combat Service Support to the Task Force. Those SOPs were tested and refined during the tactical portion of Exercise LIGHT FIGHTER. Upon completion of the two exercises, it was announced that a Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) based on B Company Group would be deploying to Afghanistan in August. This deployment required a tailored FSG (minus) rather than the full-up Task Force FSG. As a result, only 12 personnel from Administration Company were required to deploy with the PRT FSG.





Along with a very busy spring and summer, the company had to deal with a larger than usual turnover of key personnel with the arrival of a new OC, CSM, 2IC, Maint O, QM, ETQMS and RQMS (just to name a few). Upon returning from some well deserved summer leave, the new personnel got a good taste of the full range of integral support functions performed by Administration Company on a day-to-day basis. Looking back at just a few of the highlights of 2005, the Company ran several Driver Courses and provided transport, logistics and maintenance support to numerous ranges, company-level exercises and unit-level courses. All which was done in typical Administration Company style with "Service Second to None". Looking to the future, 2006 will see Third Battalion's Administration Company maintain a high tempo consistent with the remainder of the unit. Support to a heavy Primary Combat Function training cycle will keep our personnel busy throughout the January to March timeframe. That will be followed by support to several rifle company exercises in the Arctic and British Columbia and then the stand-up of Task Force 2-07. Once again we will augment the Task Force FSG with key personnel, with the remainder of the company falling under 3 PPCLI Rear Party in the role of providing external support to the Task Force work-up training. Whether part of the FSG or 3 PPCLI Rear Party, Administration Company's personnel will continue to play an essential role during 2006 by ably supporting Canada's finest.



Combat Support started 2005 rebuilding and focusing on individual training. They then deployed on EX SPRING RAM/LIGHT FIGHTER and the platoons were given an opportunity to conduct platoon tasks in support of the Task Force.

Signals Platoon

The highlight of 2005 was the deployment of fifteen members of the platoon with the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Kandahar. The majority of them are patrol signalers, and they did a superb job of training their section on the operations and maintenance of the communications equipment while also performing the usual duties required of patrol members. At home, the rest of the platoon concentrated their efforts on preparing future Task Forces for upcoming deployments. In September, the platoon went on a week long Adventure Training in the Banff National Park. This was an opportunity to reinforce team cohesion through challenging and fun outdoor activities. The upcoming year will certainly be as interesting as we prepare our unit for a possible deployment to 'second-line theatre' in February 2007.

Recce Platoon

2005 was a busy year in Recce Platoon. The year started with a Basic Recce Patrolman course, which brought new troops to the platoon. Immediately afterwards we sent them on their Basic Sniper course in Dundurn where we had huge success. The Brigade Exercise was an excellent challenge for the platoon, keeping us awake and wet throughout. We also managed to get a fair number of jumps off, which included two water jumps into Lac Ste Anne. After summer leave, we ran the Pre-Pathfinder course in Elk Island where we were waste deep in sludge for a week. One troop even climbed up a tree after being chased by a buffalo. After the Pre-Pathfinder, we sent two candidates to Trenton where they both successfully earned their torches.

At the end of the year, a couple of troops had the privilege of going to Fort Lewis, Washington for the annual Menton Day's celebration, receiving their American wings. 2006 promises to be just as busy, if not busier, with courses, exercises and pre-deployment training for a hopeful tour in February 2007.

Weapons Platoon

Weapons Platoon has had an interesting and busy twelve months. January started out with the Platoon running back-to-back machine gun courses for the Battalion. These courses re-introduced the .50 cal HMG to the next generation of machine gunners. During EX SPRING RAM/LIGHT FIGHTER 05 the Platoon conducted both mounted and dismounted live-fire ranges with the .50 cal and the C-6 GPMG. It was during the mounted ranges that Weapons Platoon demonstrated the ability of the LUVW (C&R) to handle heavy support weapons. Weapons Platoon conducted dismounted live-fire training and was broken down into fire support elements for the Rifle Companies during their attacks. During this range, the Weapons Sections attached to both B Company and C Company, man-packed .50 cal HMGs throughout the entire 15 km trace. This exercise was also the first time the unit employed the LUVW (C&R) as a mobile Fire Support Vehicle.

Upon arriving back in Edmonton, Weapons Platoon was informed they would deploy as part of the Operation ARCHER Provincial Reconstruction Team Theatre Activation Team (PRT TAT). Arriving in Kandahar, the Platoon quickly linked up with the American TF GUN DEVIL in order to recce the routes that would take us out to the PRT location in Kandahar City. Sgt Bibby and MCpl Broggi both became so infatuated with Sgt Mahoney, a female US Army MP who chewed tobacco and swore like a sailor, that they pressured the PI Comd to specifically request her presence on all joint patrols.

During the orientation brief to Kandahar, we were informed that there hadn't been a rocket attack in over 14 months; however, we soon realized that nothing could be taken for



granted in Afghanistan because three rockets impacted the camp at 0400 hrs the next morning. Platoon members are still suffering after seeing MCpl Frank running to the bunker in only his combat boots and boxers.

The only major problems that we encountered while in Kandahar was trying to find out where WO Devine was always hiding and trying to coax him back to work. On our way home, MCpl Aube had a hard time understanding that the two beer per day policy was not in effect. After returning home, the Platoon spent a month on post-deployment leave. When we returned to work in October, we were greeted with a number of the Platoon NCOs going to Wainwright to act as safety staff for the BTE. The year is ending like last year started – flying by the seat of our pants!



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60th Anniversary of VE Celebrations in the Netherlands

by Lloyd Swick (Ret'd) (Calgary Highlanders and PPCLI)

Each of us remember an occasion when we were specially honoured. I was grateful, proud and honoured for the opportunity to represent the Calgary Highlanders during this celebration. My daughter shared the journey with me, and for her care and company, I am appreciative.

Saturday April 30th

Pre-departure briefing at the Canadian War Museum. Main objective of the museum is not to just portray the valour and heroism, but to show the unpleasant nature of war. This latter concept has caused discord among some veterans. Sunday May 1st Marched in the Battle of the Atlantic Ceremony of Remembrance at the National War Memorial. Depart for the Netherlands.

Monday May 2nd

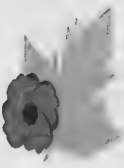
Arrived at the Eindhoven Military Airport. Met by Veterans Affairs Minister Albina Guarnieri. Welcomed by Dutch officials and honoured with a medley of music from a pipe band along with a Guard of Honour. Corporal Dave Patton, sought me out and informed me of his role as my protector for several of the more formal events. Dave is a third year University student and has served, with the Calgary Highlander militia, in Bosnia. He is a credit to the Regiment. Transported to the Hotel Speulderbos near the village of Garderen. The hotel was pleasantly located among pine, birch and alder trees. The houses and gardens of this village are exceptional in beauty. Love for Canadian Veterans was displayed everywhere—even pennants strung from the ground to roof tops. For the most part the weather consisted of rain, rain and more rain. The weather did not however dampen the spirit of our hosts.



Tuesday May 3rd

Visit to Groesbeek Canadian War Cemetery for ceremony of remembrance. Governor General Adrienne Clarkson along with Senator Art Eggleton paid tribute to the fallen Canadian Soldiers. Most of those buried in GROESBEEK CANADIAN WAR CEMETERY were Canadians, many of whom died in the Battle of the Rhineland, when the 2nd and 3rd Canadian Infantry Divisions and the 4th Canadian Armoured Division took part in the drive southwards from Nijmegen to clear the territory between the Maas and the Rhine in February and March 1945. Others buried here died earlier or later in the southern part of the Netherlands and in the Rhineland. The cemetery contains 2,610 Commonwealth burials of Second World War, and nine war graves of other nationalities. 77 Calgary Highlanders are buried at Groesbeek Cemetery. Within the cemetery stands the GROESBEEK MEMORIAL, which commemorates by name more

than 1,000 members of the Commonwealth land forces who died during the campaign in north-west Europe between the time of crossing the Seine at the end of August 1944 and the end of the war in Europe, and whose graves are not known.



Wednesday May 4th

Remembrance Ceremony - Holten Canadian War Cemetery. The great majority of those buried in Holten Canadian War Cemetery died during the last stages of the war in Holland, during the advance of the Canadian 2nd Corps into northern Germany, and across the Ems in April and the first days of May 1945. After the end of hostilities their remains were brought together into this cemetery. Holten Canadian War Cemetery contains 1,393 Commonwealth burials of the Second World War. Eleven Calgary Highlanders found their final resting place at this cemetery. (Note: 100 of our Regiment are buried at Bergen Op Zoom; one at Hookerk.) The presentation was child focused and highlighted the closeness enjoyed between the Dutch and Canadians. A Dutch children's choir accompanied the proceedings, which culminated in the laying of a single flower on the grave of each soldier. The ceremony was deeply moving and intensified by the pass-over of a Sea King Helicopter, which showered poppies on the attendees and burial sites. One need not worry that the bond of remembrance will tarnish or fade with the future generations. The children of the Netherlands are well schooled about the sacrifices made by the Canadians for the liberation of Holland. The streets of Holland, in tribute to the Canadian Veterans, were lined with specially made flower pots which contained exotic floral arrangements.

Thursday May 5th

Special Ceremony: Wreath laying at the Groesbeek Cemetery. I was honoured to represent the Calgary Highlanders and lay a wreath on behalf of our Regiment. Royal Apeldoorn Tattoo. Bands and orchestras from the Netherlands, Canada and the United States performed-all great. The U.S. band tickled the audience with old favourites such as the Colonel Boogie and the Bugle Boy of Company 'B'. There was a thrilling parachute jump by the Canadian Forces (SkyHawks).

Friday May 6th

Unveiling of commemorative plaque by Historic Sites and Monuments Board of Canada at Het Loo Palace (Royal Residence) in Apeldoorn:

THE LIBERATION OF THE NETHERLANDS

Canada brought liberty and life to the Netherlands at the end of the Second World War. Between October 1944 and May 1945, with fierce fighting and heavy loss of life, the Canadian military opened the Scheldt estuary and the port of Antwerp to allied supplies, cleared much of the country of the enemy, and fed the Dutch people left starving by the Nazi occupier. On May 5, 1945 in Wageningen, the Germans surrendered to Canadian Lieutenant-General Charles Foulkes and H.R.H. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, commander of the Dutch armed forces. The bonds of friendship forged between Canada and the Netherlands stand strong to this day.

Friday May 6th

This service was the twin of the ceremony held in Ottawa on May 13, 2005, at which Her Royal Highness Princess Marguerite was present. I was honoured to speak as a Calgary Highlander. Concert in 'Grote Kerk' Church in Apeldoorn. A beautiful and moving performance commemorating the end of World War II and the sacrifices made. The entire audience rose and swayed to 'Auld Lang Syne.'

Saturday May 7th

Parade in Nijverdal. The Veterans rode in vintage World War II vehicles (owned and maintained by Dutch civilians) through the crowd-filled streets. The downpour did not dampen



the salutations offered to the Canadian Veterans. Mothers raised their young children so that their hands might touch those of the Veterans. The Dutch showered the parading Canadians with candies, flowers and mementoes. Their sincere gestures were from the heart and evoked tears of joy.

Sunday May 8th

Parade in Apeldoorn. A memorable event with the emotional impact of the parade in Nijverdal.

Monday May 9th

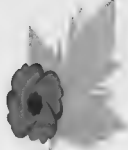
Visit to Kamp Westerbork. Camp Westerbork is situated in the north of the Netherlands, in the province of Drenthe. Between 15 July, 1942 and 13 September, 1944 ninety-three trains deported more than 100,000 Jews, including 245 Roma and Sinti and a few dozen resistance fighters, to extermination camps in Eastern Europe. The very last train left Camp Westerbork on 13 September 1944. On board were also 77 children without parents who had been caught whilst hiding. Camp Westerbork was liberated on 12 April 1945. The above annotation reveals the sadness that is associated with such a visit. Outside of the museum is a section of rail, bent towards the sky, the only remnant of the rails that led to Auschwitz, Bergen Belsen, Buchenwald and other places of death for those wearing the Star of David. I laid a bouquet for the Regiment on the tracks. Monday evening farewell dinner at Arnhem. Canadian political leaders were present; Prime Minister spoke.



Tuesday May 10th

Depart for Canada from Eindhoven Military Airport. Arrival in Canada. The Canadian delegation, in addition to the 160 Veterans, included; Veterans assistants, two doctors, two nurses, a conducting officer, and Members of Parliament. There was also a 100 strong contingent of young Canadians along with representatives of the National Veterans Organization.

I had a wonderful return to the Netherlands. The arrangements made, and carried out, by the staff of the Department of Veterans Affairs were excellent and the individuals I encountered were exceptional in their knowledge, patience and friendliness. I sent a letter to Minister Guarnieri thanking her and the department for their dedication to the programme.



Editor's note:

Major Swick, Ret'd, joined the military with the Winnipeg Light Infantry in 1942. In 1944 he was sent to the Calgary Highlanders as a Reinforcement Officer, and served from the Battle of the Hochwald until the end of the war. On return to Canada, Maj Swick enrolled at the University of Winnipeg and upon graduation in 1949 joined the PPCLI. He served with 1 PPCLI in Korea and in various Regimental and Extra Regimental employment. Major Swick retired in 1972 and joined the Public Service as a member of Emergency Preparedness Canada.

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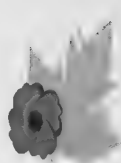
CO's Message

This was a very busy and important year for the Training Centre. I had the pleasure of taking command from LCol Bryan Bailey during a hectic summer, and hit the ground running. In addition to conducting a wide variety of courses throughout the year in Wainwright, the Training Centre also oversaw reserve summer training in Chilliwack, Edmonton, Dundern, Shilo and Winnipeg. Complicating things somewhat, the unit had to deal with splitting Western Area Training Centre Base Wainwright into two separate units with the creation of ASU Wainwright, a unit change of command, and a move into a new building. From the outset, RSM McNaughton and I have been very pleased and proud of the work achieved by the Training Centre to provide individual training support to Western Area, including 1 CMBG and the three Patricia Battalions. My focus as Commanding Officer has been to continue the great work started by my predecessors by creating a healthy and operationally focussed training climate. To this end, we are looking wherever possible to modernize the context and content of training, and to emphasize teaching and mentoring over assessment. In addition, training companies continually strive to develop their courses in order to avoid stagnation, remain relevant and challenge all candidates to achieve their utmost potential. By adopting a results-centric vice process-centric focus, we foster and promote the principles of mission command and manoeuvre warfare at the lowest level, developing soldiers and junior leaders prepared to meet the challenges presented in the contemporary operating environment. Overall, 2005 was a highly productive year, and the Training Centre looks forward to the challenges of 2006.

LCol Mike Minor

A Coy

Many changes have occurred within the company and on Base in the past year. There has been a high transition of personnel between postings out, cross postings and 'jammy goes'. The beloved Sgt James Dunn has left us for an overseas tour, which we believe will primarily focus on teaching the Afghans to play poker. Sgt Lester Reeves is now currently in 3VP. Capt Ira Shuman was cross-posted to Ops and Training; he must have been exceptional as company 2IC because it took six months to find someone to fill his shoes. That someone was Lt Rich Matheson, who joined the company in September. WO John Davis and Sgt Mitch LeBlanc are now at standards. MCpl Trevor Avey now works in CQ Stores; someone looked at his hair and realized he needed a break. MWO Thurston is on tour in Sierra Leone, and was replaced by MWO Kevin Crone as CSM. New Patricias to the company include Sgt Joe Schechtel, Sgt Bruce Spraklin, and MCpl Rod McLeod. Sgt Al Barkley received a well-deserved promotion to Warrant Officer.



Courses continued to keep the company busy throughout the year: five SQ(Reg), five SQ(Res), four PLQ(L), as well as a BMQ, AWWIC and Bold Eagle.

B Coy

B Coy experienced a high personnel turnover as several instructors were posted out: WO Simon Pickford, WO Ray Brodeur, Sgt Kevin Smith, Sgt Bill King, Sgt Ken Lockie, Sgt Shawn Hoddinott and Sgt Bruce Graham. Reservist Cpl Herbert rebadged PPCLI and joined 3VP. Sgt Lavalée and Cpl Head were cross-posted out of the company. A new OC took over in April when Capt Craig Robertson replaced Major Ralph Sears, who deployed overseas to Sierra Leone in June. Capt J.P. Pendergast left the company for the 3VP, replaced by Captain Crooks as 2IC. Posted into the company were WOs John Rheame and Sean Robson, Sgts Les Duguid, Craig Goetz and Geordie Cheeseman, MCpls Michael Bowerman, Ian Adams and Cpl Doug McLoughlin.



MCpl Adams completed the demanding Advanced Patrolling course in Gagetown, and Capt Robertson successfully received the basic para qualification in December.

The company was highly active throughout the year, running three BIQ(Reg), three PLQ(Inf), two Basic Sniper serials, three BIQ(Res), two DP2A, a CQCI and the legacy DP 2B course.

LFWA TC, as part of Base Wainwright, had strong showing the annual Ex Mountain Man held in Edmonton. The team finished second amongst all minor units represented, and had strong individual efforts, including the top LFWA TC finisher, Sgt Cheeseman.

Training Support Coy (TSC)

2005 was a busy year for TSC, as the company integrated as an LFWA TC sub-unit following the stand-up of the ASU. Change and adaptation continued over the APS, with WO Gord Charlebois posted early to join 3VP in the field; his replacement was WO Paul Cook, posted in from 3VP as team leader for the infantry observer controllers. After a full career, Capt Steve Folkins retired to settle on his acreage just north of Morinville. Major David McKillop returned to the Training Centre from 3VP to take over as OC. WO Pat Turpin (PAT PI Comd), Sgt Toby Brophy (Trg Resources NCO), Sgt Floyd Lavalée (SAT NCO), WO Jim Strader



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(CQMS), Sgt Greg Spracklin (2IC CQMS Stores), MCpl Trevor Avey (CQ Storesman) and MCpl Keith Brass (2IC Fd Trg) also all joined TSC when the coy became the sub-unit HQ for all of their respective sections.

Patricias in TSC continued to contribute to LFWA TC success by providing trained observer- controllers to support Reserve Force units all across western Canada, coordinating all integral support to LFWA TC, and maintaining an individual training role for Reserve Armoured Recce training. No two days are ever the same in TSC and all Patricias of the company do the Regiment proud in their continual display of excellence, professionalism and a positive 'can-do' attitude.

LF WATC competed in a variety of Sports Competitions over the past year. We competed in all six Ex Strong Contender sports, finishing first in the minor unit Ice Hockey and Curling. Participation in Prairie Regional Small Base Hockey, Golf and Slo-pitch produced a gold in hockey. Cpl McKinnon finished with a silver at the CF National Running Championships in the 5km (age 50+) category. MCpl McCoombs played volleyball with the Shilo team at the CF National Championships, and trained with the CISM team in the Netherlands.



Det Shilo

It's time again to look back on our accomplishments as Patricias in a 'sea of gunners'. As per the Patricia way, we've been busier than ever here at Western Area Training Centre Detachment Shilo. This year's training schedule kicked off with a vengeance, and didn't subside until December. Throughout the year we saw a continuous influx of both students and augmentee instructors, in an effort to keep up with the rigorous scheduling of the numerous courses we ran. LF WATC Det Shilo saw some 287 soldiers filter through the school on course, including: CF PLQ, CP Tech, DP 1 Arty, DP 1 Infantry, DP 1 SQ, DP 2 PLQ(Inf), Reserve SQ, RAOTP, Recce Tech, Rappel Master, HLVW and Bison conversion.



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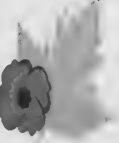




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Throughout the year, LF WATC Det Shilo was supported by 269 augmentee instructors, who assisted the 33 permanent staff. As WO Tim Halcro and myself are largely outnumbered here in the detachment, we are continually screaming for more Patricia blood in the subunit. However, with the help of our neighbourly fellow Patricias across the street from 2VP, we manage to keep our wits about us. As we look at the schedule for the upcoming year, things are expected to be as busy as ever.





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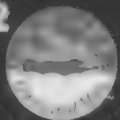
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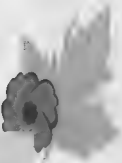
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French Grey

The year 2005 was yet another demanding period for all Patricias in the Atlantic Area. At CTC Gagetown, in particular, officers and NCOs had been occupied with training candidates on numerous courses including the Army Tactical Operations course (ATOC), Common Army Phase (CAP), Dismounted Infantry Platoon Commander course, and the Mechanized Platoon Commander course to name but a few. Several Patricia officers and NCOs joined us out here as instructors during the summer.

The Patricias celebrated the Colonel-in-Chief's birthday with a game of Broom-i-loo. Despite blood and sweat, the officers were still unsuccessful in preventing the Senior NCOs' victory in the 2005 Regimental Day Broom-i-loo game. Now this should not be a surprise given that only six officers decided to show up while the Senior NCOs, reinforced with numerous MCpls attending the Infantry 3A, had about ten lines of spares players.



Captain Rutland still appears to be in shock after getting a bloody nose. Better luck next time!

Members of the French Grey Battalion attended the Atlantic Area PPCLI Association 2005 Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Charlottetown, which was a great success – good food, drink and friendship. Rumour has it that the local Legion in Charlottetown has made Capt Mandaher, MWO Penney and WO Snow honorary members. The Atlantic Area PPCLI Association has selected Gagetown as the site for the 2006 AGM. The French Grey Battalion will be assisting with the event and, currently, the plans call for the 2006 AGM in mid-September.

As with every year, significant changes have taken place within the Patricias. Lt George Williams, formerly WO Williams (Infantry School), received his commission this year. His wealth of experience will no doubt be an aid both to him and his soldiers as he begins the next phase of his career. Some of former WO Williams peers are no doubt questioning his decision making ability due to the fact that not only did he become an officer, but is also wishing to improve his drill and join the RCR. Despite the troubling news, we will be sure to remind him that he still owes beer at the Officers' Mess. Although Captain Doug Clark (Tactics School) has tremendously enjoyed his stay in Gagetown, he is grudgingly counting down the days until he leaves in 2006 – or at least he hopes. He would stay longer, but he understands that all good things must come to an end. Down in the Infantry School Operations and Training Cell, the Patricias are now well represented by MCpl Renouf and WO Thorton. Additionally, Major Proctor (promoted in May 2005) took over as OC A Coy; the senior company at the Infantry School.

Over at the LFAA TC, CWO Bartlett departed to become the Force RSM in Afghanistan, which resulted in MWO Penney taking the reigns as the French Grey RSM. LCol Creighton and Sgts Heseleton, Mullin and Dunn still remain and are training an ever increasing load of soldiers

French Grey



for follow on training with CTC or returning and newly qualified soldiers and leaders to their parent units. We also cannot forget Sgt Tilley who is busy putting his pioneer skills to work as the Trg and Ops Sgt at the LFAA TC Det Aldershot.

The Patricias in Gagetown ended the year on a well-deserved festive note. The week prior to Christmas leave was filled with sports, camaraderie, and laughs. We can rest assured that 2006 will be just as challenging and just as successful as the past one for the Patricias in Gagetown.

However, it should be noted that the past year also had its share of misfortune with the untimely passing of Warrant Officer Kevin Towell. WO Towell was employed in the Urban Operations Cell at the Infantry School. He was consistently professional in all that he did. WO Towell was not only a superb instructor, but was an excellent leader, soldier, and friend to all who knew him. He will continue to be missed by all.



WO Kevin Towell

Moving on further to the east in Nova Scotia, Sgt Chad McNamara is enjoying Halifax and is currently the operational tasker at LFAA HQ. He returned from OP AUGURAL in Senegal Africa in the Fall. Sgt McNamara did get the opportunity to leave his office at LFAA HQ by being employed as the AVGP Driver Course WO.

Other Patricias have managed to make their way to the vibrant city of Halifax. They are employed with the Princess Louise Fusiliers (PLF) Reserve unit. There are four Patricias with the PLF who include Cpl Mansfield, Cpl Carter, WO Warrington, and Capt Giesbrecht. These four individuals have the responsibility of assisting in the training and preparation of the unit for domestic operations and augmentation of personnel to international tasks. Presently, the PLF are the lead unit in Exercise SOUTHBOUND TROOPER to Virginia, which will occur in 2006. Furthermore, soon the Reserve Brigades in Atlantic Canada will be building two platoons to conduct D&S tasks for a future deployment to Afghanistan. The PPCLI continues to provide knowledge and guidance, as well as administrative support, to these efforts. Unfortunately, MWO Bud Gilfoy decided it was time to move on and decided to retire just after returning from his most recent operational deployment.

As is evident, PPCLI soldiers and officers in the Atlantic area have been extremely busy both in the training system and at the staff level. There are Patricias posted to every Atlantic Province with the exception of PEI; however, PEI is well covered by the Association and we cannot forget Sgt Walsh, who is now serving with the PEIR. The French Grey Battalion will certainly continue to contribute knowledge and expertise in all realms and will meet all challenges during the new year. See your Career Manager soon as many more Patricias are moving East for APS 06.



A Patricia in Baghdad

by LCol D. Mills

Hello fellow Patricia's! I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you a SITREP from Baghdad. I am currently on exchange with the 3rd US Infantry Division, also known as Multi-National Division - Baghdad, as the Deputy G3. We assumed responsibility for Baghdad from the 1st Cavalry Division in January 2004 and will surrender authority to 4th Infantry Division on 7 January 2006. The real-world mission of the 3rd Infantry Division is to deploy rapidly to a contingency area by air, land, and sea to conduct mobile, combined arms offensive and defensive operations worldwide.

The 3rd Infantry Division was formed at the on-set of the First World War and has one of the most successful combat records of any U.S. Army division. In July 1918, the Division earned lasting distinction. Engaged in the Aisne-Marne Offensive as a member of the American Expeditionary Force to Europe, the Division was protecting Paris with a position on the banks of the Marne River, surrounding units retreated, the 3rd Infantry Division remained rock solid and earned its reputation as the "Rock of the Marne." A somewhat more modern moniker that has stuck is "Marne Express" given for the Division's extremely high operational tempo. Forty-nine members of the 3d Infantry Division have been awarded the Medal of Honor while serving the United States of America. The most highly decorated soldier of the WW II, Lt Audie Murphy served with the Division's 15th Infantry Regiment.



Early in 2003 the deployability and fighting capability of the Marne Division was highly visible worldwide when the entire Division deployed in weeks to Kuwait. It was called on subsequently to spearhead Coalition forces in Operation Iraqi Freedom, fighting its way to Baghdad in early April, leading to the end of the Saddam Hussein government imposed tyranny over the people of Iraq.

The 3d Infantry Division (3ID) is now one of 10 active divisions in the US Army. It is composed of four maneuver Brigade Combat Teams (BCT), one Aviation Brigade, one Division Support Brigade and a Special Troops Battalion. A Brigade Combat Team is in many ways comparable to our CMBGs. The BCTs are a result of the US Army's Transformation strategy; that is, the change from Division-based to Brigade-based operations. In the past, a US brigade was only composed of Infantry and/or Armored units. There was no integral combat support or combat service support at the brigade level. Therefore, brigades would have to rely on the habitual relationship with Division troops and assets when conducting operations. Independent operations by brigades – less Enhanced Separated Brigades – were problematic. Operation Iraqi Freedom III marks the first combat deployment by 3ID as a "partially" Transformed Division. Transformation will not be completed until the Division returns from this deployment. Full Transformation should be completed by the Division's Return to Combat in 2007.

3ID is currently task-organized in Baghdad with 11 subordinate US brigades, totaling over 40,000 soldiers. In addition, we are responsible for training and commanding and controlling seven Iraqi Army brigades, eight Iraqi Police brigades and 15,000 police officers. In all, there are approximately 60,000 Iraqi Security Forces answering to 3ID. As the Deputy G3 I am responsible to our Assistant Division Commander for Maneuver. We are on the road everyday; be it to a decisive point during a combat operation, to train and mentor Iraqi Security Forces, engage Iraqi Ministers/ Generals, press activities, battlefield circulation or patrolling with a unit. For me, it is quite a unique involvement - and exposure - and a tremendous opportunity for professional development. I have been able to participate on a number of unparalleled counter-insurgency operations.



It has been an extremely rewarding year. We seated a Transitional National Assembly, witnessed the drafting and passing of the Iraqi Constitution and the first election of a permanent government... all this while fighting an active insurgency! The rewards unfortunately have not been without loss. To date we have lost 273 soldiers on this deployment and have close to 2000 WIA. We try to keep ahead of the insurgents, but they are audacious. Their weapon of choice is the IED or VBIED. We still get ambushed (small arms and RPG), but the real threat is IED/VBIED. We get mortared/rockets into the FOB about three times a week. The Division averages approximately 40 attacks per day. The US Army is great at fielding equipment to counter the latest threat.

The three challenges to the Iraqis for self-autonomy are the continued security unrest in Baghdad, corruption at all levels and a strong likelihood of sectarian violence. It is like there is a festering malaise, just waiting to erupt. It is quite eerie actually. The number of inter-tribal attacks is fast on the raise. The militias, unofficially sanctioned by government ministries, are getting out of control. If we could find a way to harness their capability then it could be a good thing, but they all come with their own agenda - ministries, tribal, political, religious etc. The US soldiers are resilient and doing an outstanding job...given all the limitations of battling an active insurgency. Once the permanent government is in place, Coalition efforts can really focus on training the Iraqi Security Forces. Once they are ready to fly solo, we will be able to step back into a supporting role, hopefully transparent to the Iraqi people. I wish I could tell you how long this would take, but probably at least another 18-24 months.

Re-deployment is in the early stages, but is clearly upon us - turning in equipment, loading sea containers, pre-positioning C2 nodes between here and home station. I will probably be out of here with the last crew sometime toward the end of Jan/early Feb. We will have a couple weeks off then we are right back at it. It looks like we will have to prep one



brigade to return to Baghdad within 10 months after re-deployment (for another year-long tour). The remainder of the Division will deploy back here summer/fall 07 – an 18-month turn around! We have many tough days ahead, between focused counter-insurgency operations here, while trying to set conditions for reintegration and train-up back at home. It has been a demanding, yet rewarding year. I am at the halfway mark of my exchange and looking forward to our change of mission...a year in combat is a long time. I am anxiously awaiting the challenges the remainder of my exchange will bring.

A Patricia in the Sudan

by LCol M. Goodspeed

I have an incredibly interesting job that allows considerable travel in this diverse but troubled country. I've already been to some fascinating places and met dozens of truly remarkable people. Juba, the town where I'm living, is 1,200 kilometres away from, but a continent distant from Sudan's capital, Khartoum. Juba has been aptly described as the largest village in Africa as it consists of hundreds of small neighbourhoods made up of tukuls (mud huts with straw roofs) and there is only one building that's over two stories. Anything that's not made of mud was built before 1956 and probably hasn't been painted since then. The city and its people have suffered terribly during this long and horrendous civil war, but the people here in Juba are stoically cheerful and get on with re-building their lives as best they can. People tell me Juba has a population of 250,000. You would never know it to look at the town from the ground, and a census hasn't been done here for decades. No one really knows how many live here, but one thing is certain, it's growing rapidly.

There is no place like South Sudan for people watching. Each day I see new groups of people on the streets. This morning there were small crowds of tired, dusty, barefoot herdsmen shuffling into town from the West. They were all carrying empty game bags and they had spears and arrows on their shoulders, except for a few young men at the back who had AK47s slung on their backs. Despite wearing brightly coloured bush smocks, these newcomers looked grim and determined. The locals I spoke to weren't certain where they came from, but someone suggested an inaccessible area over by the border with the Central African Republic. Each one of them was sporting an unusual set of very deep horizontal tribal scars, quite different from the usual tribal markings you see here.

In addition to the people moving in from the outlying areas, every day also brings a new flood of returning refugees. People just seem to drift in from Darfur, the Kordofan and the camps outside Khartoum. The new migration pattern is driven in part by the Peace Agreement in the South; but there is also a major increase in banditry in and around Juba and many people are coming here to find safety. For the last two nights running the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) has terrorized outlying settlements. The LRA is a vicious and absolutely lunatic group from Uganda. It's made up largely of abducted child soldiers and has existed for nearly twenty years. The LRA

is fighting to overthrow the Ugandan government in order to institute a new social order based upon the Ten Commandments. They have twice raided Gumba, a small village four kilometres away from here on the East bank of the Nile. They looted whatever they could find, abducted two children and killed several people. Once they got what they needed to keep themselves going, they slipped back into the night. Some suggest that it's not the LRA, but a band of unemployed soldiers who have never been paid. I'd guess that some of the lawlessness farther West can certainly be blamed on that. However, on the weekend the LRA left a pretty convincing letter written in Acholi, a Ugandan language. Their list of demands is as crazy and scattered as the organization itself.



We had some heavy tribal fighting in Yambio a little over a week ago, but the Sudanese People's Liberation Army (SPLA) moved their Dinka troops out of the town and replaced them with soldiers from the local tribes. UN observers and Bangladeshi infantry are there now and that combination has quietened things down almost as quickly as it took for the trouble to flare up. Despite having a mixture of many different tribes living here, Juba itself is reasonably quiet. Last weekend, as planned, the SPLA moved back in strength into town. Their entrance into town was the most jubilant event I've ever witnessed. Two full brigades of former guerrillas in new uniforms and sporting brand new weapons marched and drove by crammed onto civilian trucks. The crowds were ecstatic: a bull was sacrificed on the main street followed by deliriously happy surging crowds, women undulate, kids dancing, drummers pounding, horns blowing, flags waving, drunks lurching around, people cheering themselves hoarse. It was really something to witness. VE day couldn't have been more of a celebration. I've enclosed a picture of some of the SPLA in their new uniforms loaded onto a truck outside town. — Like that photo everyday I see so many different scenes that keep hammering home to me the message that "Michael, you are living in one very different corner of the world."

You would think that with two brigades of SPLA in a town that has been held by the Sudanese Army for the entire war, it would be an explosive situation; but the problems appear to be minor ones. There have been some deadly fights, but so far it's been criminal activity not organized fighting and things have happily remained under control. The Sudanese Armed Forces (SAF) have pretty much stayed in their barracks and UN sponsored "Joint Integrated Units" of SPLA/SAF military police have been patrolling and they have managed to keep a lid on things.

There is absolutely no night-life here (not much day life to speak of either for that matter) and in the last couple weeks, with the changes in the town, the market area has become seriously dangerous after dark - but to put this into context, I can say the same thing about numerous other more developed cities I've spent time in as well.

Life here is fascinating; and as much as I miss my beautiful wife and family, Africa is a rush. Everyday there is something completely different and intriguing. The place actually smells different; there is always dust in the air mixed with the ever-present tang of burning garbage and burning grass.

I live in a tent, which is fine by me. On the whole the conditions are probably at least as comfortable as what the average Canadian soldier puts up with in the field in winter. - It's quite hot here, yesterday at noon the thermometer in our camp registered 46 degrees. Think of the hottest days in Ontario in July with high humidity, then crank up a few degrees of brilliantly hot sunshine and that's South Sudan. Juba is in a transitional area, something between the savanna and the jungle. It's more savanna than jungle with a healthy sprinkling of mango trees and grasslands. The climate supports more insects than you would believe possible and as a result at night we have hundreds of harmless toads in the camp. The downside of toads is that they attract snakes, and although they are very rarely a problem, we had an Egyptian cobra three nights ago slithering into the tent next to mine. As a result, I'm very careful when I reach for my shower thongs in the morning and I keep my tent flap tightly zipped.

The food's tolerable. It's healthy, but monotonous. We get two choices of rice and chicken, rice and curried beef or rice and lamb (a.k.a. goat) for both lunch and dinner every single day - all the other nationals in our camp think Tabasco Sauce is a Canadian dietary staple. I'm not complaining. When you see what the poor locals are eating, these things keep the UN's relatively comfortable lives in sharp perspective.



There are no identified direct threats to the UN here in Sudan - so, in real terms we're pretty safe. In fact, the SPLA and the Sudanese government army actually work alongside us. Nonetheless, there's no question, the peace here is a fragile one. The place is swimming in weapons and there are still about sixty "Other Armed Groups" – private militias, tribes, warlords and gangs who have not signed up to the peace agreement. We are trying to get them all signed up and aligned with either the SAF or the SPLA early in the New Year; but we'll have to wait and see how that plays out. The Other Armed Groups could be a problem, because if any one of them gets out of hand, they could possibly send the place up in flames again. Also, after so many years of such a brutal war neither side trusts the other, and it wouldn't take much to get the most antagonistic elements back to fighting each other again. Nonetheless, we do see gains made and we can all see progress on a daily basis. The UN presence here, and the policy, in this particular mission, of doing everything jointly – the UN, the Sudanese Armed Forces and the Sudanese People's Liberation Army doing monitoring and verification tasks together is working quite well and will probably become a new standard procedure for peacekeeping missions.



My job is totally absorbing and I'm grateful that I managed to get such a good one. I work with twelve other officers in The Joint Monitoring & Coordination Office, (JMCO) which does the groundwork for the development and coordination of overall ceasefire policy as well as hammers out with the SPLA and SAF all those military issues that can't be resolved regionally. The JMCO was wisely positioned well forward, in the heart of the most southerly state. As a result, we are right beside the most pressing issues as they happen. It means that we are well informed and we can react fairly quickly. The distance from the Force Headquarters in Khartoum is not a great problem (cynics say it's an advantage, although the military components of the headquarters that I deal with are quite reasonable and doing their best.) We couldn't have operated like this a few years ago. Now, we are connected right across the country by satellite links with mobile phones, radios and the internet. Unfortunately, the SAF and the SPLA do not have the kinds of communication capabilities we have and it makes quite a difference in their ability to react and to pass on information to their more remotely deployed troops. This is particularly true of the SPLA who are quite literally moving from being a hardscrabble guerrilla movement to a modern army and although they are trying their hardest, the problems they face are enormous.

One of the characteristics of the mission in Sudan is that from an operational viewpoint it's extremely complex. Both sides are highly factionalized and there are numerous competing interests that influence what's going on here. Tribalism, oil, religion, ethnicity, language, established power groups such as the police and intelligence services, private militias as well as the influence of border states and other neighbouring insurgencies all combine to make the simplest things complex. There are also numerous factors within the UN mission itself that complicate the situation. There are over seventy-five nations deployed here from every corner



of the earth, each with different cultures, different perceptions of time, different ideas on hygiene, different views on how urgent things should be, different thinking on hierarchy, authority and dignity, different ideas as to what constitutes good manners - and not the least, radically different abilities in English, the common mission language. It all adds up to make for some interesting moments.

The JMCO, the group I work in, is responsible for keeping three levels of inter-factional meetings going and so we work seven days a week. We convene a meeting each morning with both SAF and SPLA officers. It's a busy pace and we spend about twelve to thirteen hours each day working on a comprehensive range of issues such as monitoring troop movements, troop withdrawals, de-mining operations, disarming militias, demobilization of ex-soldiers, the formation of a new joint and integrated army as well as more narrowly focussed things such as child soldiers, deserters, disarming the nomads, helping Non Government Organizations and UN agencies set up programs for disabled ex combatants and setting up joint SPLA and Govt of Sudan monitoring teams. The work is totally absorbing and the days seem to connect into a long fast forward blur. There's lots to do, and as I said, it allows for plenty of travel and daily interaction with both sides. I love it. It's certainly the most interesting and rewarding professional work I've ever done.

From the internet I see that very little of what goes on down here ever makes it into the press because there are no foreign reporters anywhere for hundreds and hundreds of kilometres. It's kind of like a tree falling in the forest and no one being there to hear it. If the peace holds - and the UN and a lot of Sudanese are working as hard as they can to ensure that it does - then there is no doubt that things will eventually get a lot better. There are some signs of improvement now. I see more little road side stands popping up here and there. People sitting on the verge of dirt roads selling a few bottles of soft drinks, soap and other simple luxuries. There is also a small bus service operating now that wasn't around a few weeks ago. Small things, but they add up in the aggregate. There are plans for much larger international aid projects to start coming on stream in the next several months and things like a working electrical grid, a clean water supply and sewage lines will make a vast difference in people's lives down here. I'm sincerely looking forward to the day when the armies have stood back from one another, when the roads are open, the mines are gone and the bandits and crazy leftovers are all cleared. Then, the economy can start up again and people can begin to resume something close to normal lives.

There's really not much else to report. My days are full and things are going about as well as we could have hoped for out here out in the land of sticky sweltering eternal blistering sunshine. If one has to be far from home, I can't honestly think of a better reason for it than doing what we're doing - and I don't regret it for a second.

Did you know...

The author of the "Lassie" series was a Patricia, Eric Knight





Toronto Area Patricias

Greetings from the Toronto Area Patricias. While we are definitely "the few, the proud" here in Hogtown, the greatest concentration of us are located in 32 Canadian Brigade Group. In recognition of that fact, this year's Patrician article will feature the soldiering adventures of that intrepid crew who help to keep our Army Reserve functioning.

As well as the folks doing "real Army stuff" with the Reserve troops, there are a few of us scattered in other places around Toronto as well. Presiding over the Canadian Forces College is BGen Walter Semianiw, lately returned from commanding Task Force Kabul. He is joined on the CFC staff by LCol Dave Banks and Maj Vic Sattler. Attending Command and Staff Course 32 are Majs Bob Ford, Kevin Morton and Cliff Reeves. Up street a bit, at the HQ of the newly stood up Joint Task Force Central (formerly LFCA HQ), are LCol Cliff Trollope, Maj Phil Dawe and CWO MacGregor.

Now, to the soldiering part.... (thanks to the literary skills of our 32 CBG Patricias)...

Every viable organization in the Canadian Army has a Patricia Cpl/Pte "holding up the whole damn line"!! For 32 Canadian Brigade Group it is Cpl Wuorinen. Formerly of the Second Battalion, Cpl Wuorinen is currently the transport NCM with the 48th Highlanders of Canada stationed at Moss Park Armoury in Toronto. His main duties include control of all transport within the unit and to coordinate with the G4 transport cell at 32 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters. Focused and extremely busy, Cpl Wuorinen attends his unit exercises and parade nights (Tuesday and Friday evenings). The rest of the Patricia team here currently backs him up:



Sgt Arnold Parris - Mississauga Recruiting detachment;
WO Ken Currie - Operations WO, Queens Own Rifles of Canada;
WO Sean Jessop - Operations WO, the Grey and Simcoe Foresters;
WO Mike Snea - G3 Training Resources, 32 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters;
Capt Matthew Aggus - Adjutant, 48th Highlanders of Canada; and
Maj Robert Ferguson - G3, 32 Canadian Brigade Group Headquarters.

The brigade has completed a number of training events throughout 2005 including Exercises IRON TALON I & II, inter-unit level exercises working towards goals established for our major summer concentration. Our past summer concentration was well attended by every reserve unit in Ontario and included some foreign friends, including a German Pathfinder PI and British FOO

parties attached to their host units. Starting anew in September, the Patricias guided their respective units through IBTS training and various unit exercises, culminating in Exercise CRIMSON TIDE, a domestic operations exercise conducted in the downtown core of Toronto in December 2005. In between all the exercises, the Patricias are loading, teaching or supporting the reserve force qualification courses throughout the year. Commander 32 Canadian Brigade Group has set the number of new recruits at 350. This will be quite a feat this year given the demand on available instructors, particularly for the intense summer training period.

The upcoming year is certain to be at least as demanding as the last. It is time to thank all of the Cpl/Ptes out there holding up the whole damn line. Thank you Cpl Wuorinen and good luck to all of our fellow Patricias around the world. Complete the mission and keep safe.

OK-next year it will be the turn of all the rest of us "low-shoes" to be featured in this space. Until then, best wishes (and some professional envy...) from all of us here for the success, safety and happy return of all our Patricia comrades building freedom in Afghanistan.





The End Of An Era. The Beginning of Another

"Anti-Armour Platoon, AAATTTTENNNN-TION! Move to the left in three's, LEFFFFFFT, TURN! By the left, QUIIIICK, MARCH!"



On April 15th 2005, Capt Mike Pattle marched the last Infantry Anti-Armour Platoon out of the ranks of 1 PPCLI and into our new home, completing the hollow square formed for us by the LdSH(RC). Once we had fallen into the Strathcona ranks, LCol Fleury gave the command "Lord Strathcona's Horse, Royal Canadians, Stand AAAAAT, EASE!" With the precision born of intense training, the Strathcona's stood at ease as one. It quickly became apparent that Anti-Armour Platoon had not understood the full significance of the move to the LdSH(RC) as not one member stood at ease. Regimental Sergeant Major Ells quickly rectified this error by calling out the many trades present on parade and having them put their hands up. Once every trade, from RMS Clerk to Infantry Soldier had their hand in the air, RSM Ells made it clear that we were now all part of the Strathcona family, and would henceforth be Strathcona's, to a man.

The Patricias hit the ground running, and under the new moniker "1 Platoon, E Company" began the long list of tasks to come. The remainder of April was quickly consumed by a Direct Fire Squadron (DFS) firepower demonstration in Suffield. Between the TOW missiles, ADATS missiles and tank rounds, there was not much left but small pieces of scrap metal in the target area. Point to note: DO NOT HIDE IN AN ATCO TRAILER IF THE DFS IS IN TOWN!!! The month of May brought with it Ex WORTHY STRIKE, in which the DFS developed Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in an urban environment. The summer months saw the completion of our yearly MLOC training, taskings galore to Spruce Meadows and a Driver Track Course conducted in record time. The standing up of 2 PI lightened the task load for 1 PI and allowed for block leave in August. With the troops refreshed and ready to rock and roll, part one of a Basic TOW Gunner Course was run in September. The Brigade Training Event (BTE) started at the same time and 1PI sent troops to augment 2 PI in DurkaDurkaville. Acting as police, villagers, farmers or army personnel, 1PI assisted Task Force 106 and 206 in their quest for professional perfection before their departure to Afghanistan. Upon returning to Edmonton, Basic TOW Gunner part two was completed, et voila, E COY had the majority of its personnel qualified TOW. The end of September saw 1 PI depart for sunny Wainwright with A Squadron for more DFS training. 1 PI deployed with enough warm kit to keep us happy for the next couple months, because we all know what a treat Wainwright weather can be in October/November. The "Weather Gods" smiled on us for the duration and we saw nothing but sunshine with the occasional foggy day thrown in to keep us honest. Once more, 1 PI in conjunction with A Squadron and the ADATS developed doctrine for the DFS.



Redeploying to Wainwright for Ex EASY GUNNER, E COY started out refining our drills and practicing TOW SOPs as work up for the live range. The Regiment took a one-day pause in order to participate in the Mil Skills competition. This was a grueling competition which included a near twenty kilometre run with full fighting order, multiple rifle, pistol and shotgun ranges, Armoured Fighting Vehicle recognition stand, first aid and many more stands. Team five from 1 PI E Coy proved victorious despite overwhelming odds and earned themselves three extra days off, compliments of the Commanding Officer. With the Mil Skills complete and 265 TOW missiles to fire, we began our range week with a basic static range. Firing twenty year old missiles from thirty year old M113 TUA's turned out to be a recipe for misfires and missile malfunctions. E Coy troops proved their mettle and performed the many, many misfire drills without mishap. Pte Gareth Hayter spent two full minutes contemplating the meaning of life while carrying an extremely hot, misfired TOW missile to the dud pit. The next day brought the intermediate range and with it an excellent opportunity to fire a couple missiles, jockey, and fire some more missiles, exercising the entire vehicle crew. The intermediate range culminated with five M113 TUA's volley firing at one hard tank target. This turned out to be the luckiest tank in the world. One missile struck the ground one hundred meters shy, one hit 50 meters beyond, two got tangled and flew off into the wild blue yonder and one decided it wanted to join the American flag on the moon. Completing this portion of the range with maximum speed and aggression prepared us for the advanced shoot to come. The advanced range consisted





of fighting a delaying action while destroying the enemy in subsequent fallback positions. The advanced range ran quite smoothly with only a few misfires and anything that remotely resembled a target destroyed. Cpl Sonny Chauhan was able to observe a target that had yet to "pop up" through his 13x optical sight. His Crew Commander, Sgt Joel "Pipes" Turnbull decided to make a preemptive strike and destroy the target. On the order to fire, Cpl Chauhan guided the missile to the barely visible target over two kilometers away. Once again demonstrating the pinpoint accuracy of the TOW system, the missile disintegrated the four-inch wide wooden target. With the advanced range complete, E Coy had fired 218 TOW missiles. Not a bad week's training by anyone's standards.

The Company will enjoy their first turkey dinner in our new home and take to our Christmas leave with fervor. We look forward to another successful year with our LdSH(RC) brethren and the eventual arrival of the LAV TUA. With the imminent influx of the Improved Target Acquisition System (ITAS), E Coy is looking to the future with enthusiasm and sense of pride. No longer being solely "anti-armour", E Coy will continue to deal with adversity and provide not only the "eyes", but the means of "linking the sensor and the shooter" in our never ending quest to win the Three Block War. We breathe fire and death. TOW, OUT!

Promotion Ceremony for CWO Derek Bisson (PPCLI)

CWO Derek Bisson was promoted to CWO on 04 November 2005, by Maj Patrice Beauchamp. He was promoted in front of an audience of approx 700 Soldiers, all Sergeants Major from the US Army, American Sister Services and Allied Forces of 35 nations.



(L to R- CSM James E. Dale US Army, Academy CSM, Maj Patrice Beauchamp, Senior Canadian Liaison Officer, Ft Bliss, Colonel David J. Abramowitz, Commandant US Army Sergeants Major Academy, CWO Derek Bisson, Student Class 56, CWO Ken Hodge, Faculty Advisor, USASMA)

Welcome to Camp Nathan Smith!
by Captain Francois Giroux



Minister of National Defence, Bill Graham, and General Rick Hillier, the Chief of the Defence Staff, presided over a ceremony October 13, 2005, to bestow the name "Camp Nathan Smith" on the compound that houses the Canadian Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) in Kandahar City.



Private Nathan Smith of the 3rd Battalion, Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (3 PPCLI), died on April 17, 2002, at the military training area known as Tarnak Farm, which lies on the outskirts of Kandahar City. Pte Smith was the soldier with the least number of years in service in the Canadian Forces among the victims that also claimed the lives of Sergeant Marc Leger, Corporal Ainsworth Dyer and Private Richard Green.

"Nathan Smith was a fine Canadian soldier. He put his life on the line, in Afghanistan, for the Afghan people just as hundreds of young Canadian women and men are coming here to do today" said Minister of National Defence, Bill Graham.

"We should never forget those who paid the ultimate price to serve our country" said Colonel Steve Bowes, the PRT commanding officer. "Nathan is an example and an inspiration to all the young soldiers of this PRT, and those who will come after them to continue Canada's commitment and help the Afghan people achieve their goals and desires."

At the end of the ceremony, Gen Hillier asked the PRT RSM to break the ranks and he asked all PRT soldiers to move in closer. He then proceeded to award the Chief of the Defence Staff Coin to seven PRT soldiers. With this gesture, he acknowledged the outstanding work they have performed on a daily basis since they have arrived in Kandahar.

The recipients were: Master-Corporal Mike McCoy (1 CMBG HQ); Master-Corporal Daryl Reid (3 PPCLI); Corporal Ron Granados (1 CER); Corporal Lorali Corsiatto (1 Svc Bn); Corporal Charlie Thompson (3 PPCLI); Private Jeff Black (3 PPCLI); and Private Devon Branje (3 PPCLI).

This ceremony was an emotional moment; a moment to remember, particularly for the forty Operation Apollo veterans, currently with the PRT, who served with the soldier who is now a symbol of inspiration in Kandahar: Private Nathan Smith.



The Canadian Forces will miss you, Charlie!

As the sun goes down and the bagpipes play the last post, about one hundred fifty soldiers gathered on the helicopter pad at the Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) compound in Kandahar, on October 9th, to remember a soldier's soldier: Warrant Officer (WO) Charles Sheppard.

Charlie Sheppard, a member of 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry (3 PPCLI), died accidentally during a parachuting exercise in Trenton on October 3rd, 2005. The announcement of WO Sheppard's death was a cold shiver for many PRT members in Kandahar as the Patrol Company is mostly composed of members from the same battalion. Many PRT members jumped with WO Sheppard, shared the same trench or were taught parachuting drills by this long-time airborne soldier.



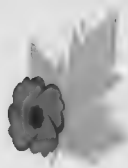
This memorial was an emotional moment for many members of the PRT, particularly for Sergeant Chuck Côté who read WO Sheppard's impressive biography and paid a last tribute to his long-time colleague and good friend. "Charlie was a tough and competitive man with a big heart. Besides being a dedicated soldier, we should remember him as a loving father, as an entrepreneur who had always something on the side. But overall, as someone you could count on, at any time, to help you and your family; he was always there to help".

"He was an infantry man, a jumper, a pathfinder, a ranger who always had a smile on his face, even in the hardest moments. I saw this man drive his body to the ground. There is no doubt in my mind, Charlie would have been a Regimental Sergeant Major; he owned all the qualities to be an outstanding RSM" shared Chief Warrant Officer Ward Brown, the PRT RSM who served with WO Sheppard at 1 PPCLI and with the Commando.

"If Charlie would be with us today, he would not like to see sadness, he was a soldier's soldier, who enjoyed every minute of his life and liked to live on the edge. He is now doing his link up drills with WO Kevin Towell", said Master Warrant Officer Billy Bolen, a close friend. Have a good one, jumper! We will remember.

Captain François Giroux is the Provincial Reconstruction Team Public Affairs Officer in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

2005 – Year of the Veteran in British Columbia



2005 was the year of the Veteran as most of the readers of this journal know and there were many events that celebrated the contribution of veterans across Canada. Not all of these gatherings this year were a happy celebration as the Regiment mourned the passing of several notable Canadian heroes.

On August 3rd our entire nation mourned the passing of Sergeant "Smokey" Smith, VC. Smokey was a Seaforth Highlander of Canada who fought beside the Patricias in World War II, Italy and as the last surviving Canadian Victoria Cross winner his passing became a national event. Operation VALOUR as the ceremony was named required the surge effort of not only the Seaforth Highlanders but also most of the available troops and staff from 39 Canadian Brigade Group. It was the honour of many serving BC Patricias to participate in or help organize the massive undertakings of a Lying in State in the Seaforth Armouries, a vigil, funeral, and grand wake (Smokey's wishes were to buy his Regiment a drink on his passing). Participating also in the procession was a full company of Patricia soldiers from 1 CMBG. Smokey would have been proud of his Regiment and the entire, "Army of the Far West's" turn out on a perfect sunny day for his Funeral and Wake. Even urbanite Vancouver turned out in the thousands to pay respects to this local hero and the last of the Canadian VC winners.

Near the end of the year, the Regiment was still saddened by the news of the passing of Lord John Brabourne when news of Colonel "Big" Jim Stone falling gravely ill was distributed. Colonel Stone who has lived on Vancouver Island for many years and had served in the past as the Commanding Officer of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, Loyal Edmonton Regiment and 2 PPCLI in Kap' Yong was a well known veteran in BC and a PPCLI Regimental hero. Sadly he passed away in November and his life was celebrated in a small and dignified funeral in Victoria attended by family, dignitaries, Patricias, and veterans.

As the training year comes hurtling once again towards Exercise COUGAR SALVO for 39 Canadian Brigade Group in March 2006 the contributions of Patricias to this Brigade become more evident. Patricia staff posted to brigade headquarters and the units are bringing a new wealth of operational experience to the reserves, refreshing and updating tactics techniques and procedures for the contemporary-operating environment. Task Force 2-07 looms in the future next year as this brigade prepares to make use of that experience and train a reserve Mission Element for possible deployment. Patricia Regular Support Staff are integrated in every infantry unit in 39 Brigade and are ready to lead the way in 2007 for transformation to JTF Pacific.

Kingston Area Patricias

As is tradition, the Kingston chapter was able to "officially" meet three times this past year. I say officially, because more often than naught, every Friday night, a table at the Fort Frontenac Officers' Mess seems to be occupied by our Regiment. 2005 was a transition year for the Patricias in Kingston. In light of CF Transformation, and the creation of CEFCON, the Patricia bastion known as the CFJOG was purged and resulted in a decrease of Patricia PYs in Kingston. Notably, Col Pat Stogran was seconded to the Pearson Peacekeeping Centre and LCol Shaun Tymchuk deployed to Iraq. Nonetheless, Kingston remains a favourite for Patricias young and old. One only needs to look at the list of inter-actors at the Simulation Centre, or have witnessed Maj (retd) Lou Grimshaw's run for a federal seat in the last provincial election to realize that the Patricia culture is alive in the Thousands Islands region. As always we are kept current and active with the thrice-annual surge of Patricias attending the AOC.



Kingston Patricia outside the Fort Frontenac Officers Mess - Mar 06

*Left to Right Maj John Reiffenstein, Capt JP Pendergast, Maj (retd) Lou Grimshaw
Capt Stef Grubb, Col (retd) Jim Calvin, LCol Marv Makulowich, LCol Bryan Bailey
Capt Bob Ascah, Capt Geoff Smith, Maj Lindsay Reinelt, MWO (retd) Rui Ameral
MWO Chris Waugh, Sgt Rob Taillon, WO (retd) Greg Soucie, Capt Jeff Bird, Capt Jeff Peck*

Ottawa ERE Patricias 2005

By Major Eric Thorson

The dispersion of work places and wide range of jobs Patricias fill in the National Capital Region make keeping in touch in Ottawa a difficult task. Despite this, everyone seems to pass through Ottawa at least once and there are always chance meetings with old comrades. The first major Regimental event of the year was a dinner organized by the Association to mark the 17th of March. A handful of regular members of the Regiment joined the Association for a pleasant dinner at the Connaught Ranges Mess. As always, the event was a chance to renew friendships and make new ones.

Following the turmoil of posting season local Patricias gathered at the Elephant and Castle to meet the COs and RSMs who were in town for the November merit boards. As always, the event was well attended and we were fortunate enough to be visited by Gen Stewart. The event was followed, a few days later, by the Association's annual Remembrance Day Service at Lansdowne Park, the site of the Regiment's first parade in 1914.

One other noteworthy event, also sponsored by the Association, was a visit by Major Mark Campbell, DCO of the 3rd Battalion, who was in town for a recce of venues for the 100th Anniversary in 2014. Brigadier-General Vince Kennedy (retired), drafter of the 100th Anniversary master plan, led the recce in the fall with the assistance of local committee members.

All in all the closing months of 2005 were very busy for those of us in Ottawa area as NDHQ prepared for the creation of Canada Command, Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command, Canadian Operational Support Command and Canadian Special Operations Forces Command in early 2006. Notably, Patricia Colonel David Barr was selected to be the first commander of Special Operations Forces Command and the first CO of the new Canadian Special Operations Regiment is another Patricia, Lieutenant-Colonel Jamie Hammond. Not all of the transition has been smooth. The first draft of this article was lost when I spent a day out of the office in preparation for my move to Canada Command. I returned to my cubicle in NDHQ to find my desk and computer in pieces in the corridor.

PPCLI Reflections in Australia

By Captain Lionel Boxer, CD, LCM, PhD



When I learned that my old Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) flat mate now Colonel David Barr had achieved such great heights as the staff of the CDS I felt obliged to congratulate him on his progress. It was to obtain his email address that I emailed the Regimental Adjutant of the Patricia's and this article is a result of my inquiry. David of course is the son of another great Colonel Barr, who I recall served with another great Infantry Regiment. I ubiquitously come from a Sapper tradition, my late father was Royal Engineers, 8th Army and



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later Royal Canadian Engineers, and my great-great uncle commanded forestry operations at Windsor Castle during WW I, and I have –so far – served as a Royal Canadian Engineer and the Royal Australian Engineer (RAE). However, two connections with the infantry are that my forestry great-great uncle raised the Soo Rifles in Sault St Marie in 1914 and I have served in an infantry battalion since 2000.

As Kipling explained, Sappers are all men under one jacket and, of course, the secondary duty of Sappers is to fight as infantry. At RMC, I took pleasure assaulting the ears of Colonel Barr and others with my attempts as a piper. I gave that pursuit up for 18 years, but in 1998 was pressed into service as an associate piper by the then pipe major of 5th / 6th Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment. With endless coaching and abuse of three pipe majors I have evolved into a reliable piper. The Australian Army preferred that I did not volunteer and I was appointed captain in the Australian Army Reserve in time to perform at the 2000 Edinburgh Military Tattoo. Since then I have worked in an infantry battalion as a recruiter, administration company commander (of which Ps&Ds forms a platoon), and now as Pipes and Drums Officer / Regimental Affairs Officer. However, my corps is RAE.

In keeping with my ubiquitous nature, in 1990 after the Canadian defence lawyers cancelled my secondment to 7 Field Engineer Regiment in Melbourne, I became active in Countess Mountbatten's Own, Legion of Frontiersmen of the Commonwealth, serving as Adjutant with the Legion rank of Major and awarded the Legion Cross of Merit. Of course, the Legion is closely associated with the Patricia's since WW I, when many Legion members formed components of the PPCLI. My Legion service was cut short when I joined the Australian Army Reserve. My wife's ambition that I become a father and my pursuit of a PhD was my reality; too much ubiquity and not enough time.



My connection with the Patricia's began during Sapper officer training in Chilliwack, where I met officers and warrant officers of the PPCLI. Having been raised in Toronto, I thought the only regular army infanteers were based out of London, Ontario. Later I was pleased to learn that Colonel Sid Frost lives a block away from my parents. I had seen Sid over the years, but never knew him until many years later. Sid is also a past Commanding Officer, distinguished Patricia and Past Honorary Colonel of the Royal Regiment of Canada, which is an affiliate of the Royal Victoria Regiment. I have had the pleasure of visiting their mess many times during

my career, but the last time I was there I gave the toast to the Royal Victoria Regiment as an regimental affiliate. One of the high points of my visits to Toronto these days is to meet with Captain Charles Scott-Brown, a Patricia and a former Canadian Forces Loan Officer to the Gordon Highlanders; 5th / 6th Battalion, The Royal Victoria Regiment is a Gordon Highlander affiliate and elements of the battalion wear Gordon kilts. Charles is a past President of the Royal Canadian Military Institute and has commandeered a corner at the main bar for himself and those he deems worthy.

Another Patricia, General John de Chastelain and I were at RMC concurrently, albeit at different ends of the process. John has another connection in Melbourne he may not be aware of. Anthony Crombie, one of my fellow academics at the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology is a classmate of John's from Fettes College Edinburgh.

The Naval and Military Club in Melbourne displays a PPCLI plaque complete with a presidential citation that was donated by Colonel Stan Walsh. He had been on a tour of Canada at one stage in his regular army career. His PPCLI friends will not find Stan in Australia. Stan now lives in Germany with a frauline he met on duty and is now know as Stan Carrington (his mother's maiden name); his wife did not want to be known as Mrs Stan Walsh III.

One day during Sapper officer training, our PPCLI captain directing staff was given a Silva compass with degrees (as opposed to mils). It was all quite entertaining; I recall hearing him over the radio "You are not at that grid reference, because I am at that grid reference ... Hey! Who switched my compass!" The delay provided us a well-deserved break as we waited for him to find his way back to us. That practical joke aside, I have always been impressed by the PPCLI and it is a great honour to find myself in a position to be affiliated with such a fine regiment. Every April the regular army Royal Australian Regiment cadre appointed to our battalion commemorate Kapyong. You will be happy that I always interject a toast to the PPCLI in their proceedings. You will be further pleased to know that all join me in the toast.

LCol Kenneally receives Korean Service Medal



Colonel Pat Stogran congratulating Lieutenant-Colonel Martin Kenneally for receiving the Korean Service Medal for his more than two years of service in Korea (2001-2003)

LCol Kenneally served in Korea as the Canadian liaison officer with the United Nations Command Military Armistice Commission and as the second Canadian officer ever to attend and graduate from the tough Republic of Korea Command and Staff College in Daejeon. He is the first Canadian ever to be awarded the Korean medal and is authorized to wear it with his other medals in uniform. It is awarded only to individuals who perform service of a high and special nature on behalf of the Republic of Korea. As liaison officer with the UNCMAC LCol Kenneally was involved in several DMZ tasks and also worked on various Korean War Commemoration projects, including special services at the United Nations Memorial Cemetery in Busan and the Canadian Memorial Garden near Naechon (Kapyong battlefield site). He also handled many liaison duties with the United Nations Command and Korea's Ministry of Defence.



Ex Patricias visit Korea in Summer, 2005

The summer of 2005 was an interesting one for Dr. Frederick Robert Carrick and his father Donald Thomas Carrick, both ex Patricia's. Dr. Carrick is a Professor of Neurology and specialist in Coma who is invited to attend patients throughout the world. He has been invited to Asia several times to present lectures at various medical schools and to perform a variety of procedures. He received an invitation to present lectures in Seoul and Pusan Korea in 2005 and asked his father, Donald Thomas Carrick if he would be interested in returning to Korea for a few weeks during the summer where he might be able to visit the gravesite of his brother-in-law, Frederick Wood, a Patricia killed in Korea. Both Don Carrick and Frederick (Ted) Wood, who were best friends, served together during the Korean War with the 2nd Battalion PPCLI. Don married Ted's sister June. Ted was 21 years old when he died and Don became a career Patricia until his discharge from the Army where he went on to become the Director of the Industrial Accident Prevention Association for a region of the province of Ontario. Dr. Frederick (Ted) Carrick was named after his Uncle Ted and, although he had been in Korea several times, he had never been in Pusan at the United Nations Gravesite. Dr. Carrick served with the 2nd battalion PPCLI in Cyprus.



The father and son team left for Korea in the summer of 2005 and were met in Seoul by a contingent from the University Medical School and Hospital. Don Carrick was able to observe Ted giving lectures and performing procedures in the Hospital in Seoul. They were treated royally and Ted was featured on the front page of the major newspaper in Seoul for his work in Coma and his father Don was also interviewed specifically as to his experiences during the Korean War and changes in today's Korea. They then flew to Pusan, Korea where they were taken to the United Nations Graveyard. They were able to pay tribute to their relative (Uncle and best friend) who lost his life as well as many of Don's friends who were also buried in Pusan. Liaisons from the Medical School in Pusan were also present and gave their respects at the Graveside.

Dr. Carrick then examined patients and performed procedures in Pusan and Dan was allowed to be present in the University Hospital as an observer. A chauffeur then took them to Kapyong where Korean Veterans who had served with the United Nations Forces during the war greeted them. Don and Ted were taken to a variety of monuments built in tribute to the Canadian Forces and to the PPCLI. A special reception was held and Don was awarded a Medal from the Korean Government. The time spent with both medical colleagues and veterans was amazing and all Patricias might know that the regiment is held in the highest regards to this day. Former Patricias might desire to travel to Korea to experience the respect and thanks of all for the service of their regiment.



For the father and son team of ex Patricias, it was an experience not ever to be forgotten. Don's wife June, the mother of Ted and the brother of Frederick (Ted) Wood could not accompany the two on this journey but was rewarded with many pictures of her brother's resting place as well as many words of thanks from new friends in Korea. Don Carrick is retired and divides his time between his residences in Orangeville, Ontario and Cape Canaveral, Florida with his wife June. They have 3 children, 6 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ted Carrick lives in Cape Canaveral, Florida with his wife Eve. They have 2 children and one Grand Child.





The Royal Green Jackets 2005

The 1st Battalion continued to be based at Weeton. The New Year saw them resubordinated from 52 Inf Bde to 19 Light Bde and they began training for Spearhead in Otterburn and Scotland. This continued through February and early March, including CAST at Catterick and OPTAG at Lydd. They assumed Spearhead earlier than planned on 5 March and deployed immediately to Kosovo to assist in maintaining Public Order during the arrest of Ramush Haradinaj for alleged war crimes in 1999. In Kosovo they conducted a number of multinational operations with the Nordic, US and French brigades over the course of a 3-week deployment. On return to UK they conducted a JNCOs cadre during the remainder of Spearhead. After Summer leave in August they were warned to be part of the NATO Reaction Force 6 (NRF 6) from 1 January - 30 June 2006. Also in 2006 they go to Belize and are planned to deploy to Afghanistan later in the year.

2RGJ began the year in Ballykinler, Northern Ireland, but returned at the end of the Summer and are now well established in Kiwi Barracks, Bulford Camp and very busy training for their new mechanised role. In Ireland they were kept busy, particularly with the onset of the 'marching season', but also made full use of the facilities and opportunities for sport and were NI Champions in a number of sports, including Swimming, Rugby, Athletics and Boxing. Their shooting team had done well, coming 4th in NISAAM. A RGJ memorial window was installed in the church at Ballykinler, which commemorated all those Green Jackets who had died in Northern Ireland. They are currently undergoing a period of intensive training connected with their conversion to the mechanised role, as well as renewing their Support Weapons skills and some intensive driver training. They are relishing the challenge of being in a deployable brigade again. In early 2006 there will be the Tartan Trophy competition on Dartmoor, Bowman conversion, and other specialised collective training. In April they intend to return to competitive boxing, and will be holding their Novice Championships.

RGJ-badged members of the TA also had a busy year, with a considerable number from both the London Regiment and the Royal Rifle Volunteers being deployed operationally to Iraq.

Towards the end of the year the future of the Regiment became the object of some serious high-level discussion. The Army Board has directed the Infantry to consider forming larger regiments in order to better meet operational demands and efficiency. Arms plotting is due to give way to an Individual Posting policy, which would mean units would remain relatively static, but individuals would find themselves posted from battalion to battalion to ensure an element of career balance and variety. After careful, wide-ranging, cooperative, and generous discussion it was decided the best option was to join with The Light Infantry, The Devonshire and Dorset Light Infantry and The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Light Infantry to form a wholly new regiment, to be known as 'The Rifles'.

The inspiration for the new regiment will be The Light Division and the values of independent thought, action and leadership propounded by Sir John Moore: self-discipline, fortitude and steadiness of heart. This new regiment will have 5 regular and two TA battalions. It will enshrine much of Rifle and Light Infantry regimental traditions. Uniform will be predominantly Rifle green; the cap badge will be The Light Infantry bugle, with the RGBWLI back badge probably being worn on the No 1 Dress hat. The regiment will not have Colours. Battle honours will be celebrated by a Maltese Cross inscribed with representational battle honours in each quarter, to be worn on the Cross Belt or Waist Belt as appropriate.

Much remains to be done and discussion is on-going, but the foundation is already being laid for a new regiment, which can build proudly on a solid basis of the traditions and history of their forbears.



Colonel James Riley “Big Jim” Stone, CM, DSO, MC, CD

Jim Stone, who was called “Big Jim” by his men with the greatest respect, was born on February 8, 1908. He was a soldier of a grand style seldom seen, anywhere, in any nation, according to veterans who served with him.

Jim Stone joined the Canadian Army as a recruit private in 1939 at the advanced age of 31 – very old for a soldier in those days. He enlisted as a recruit in the Edmonton Regiment, later to be renamed The Loyal Edmonton Regiment and popularly known as “The Loyal Eddies.” He had a certain knack for soldiering, was strong and strong willed. Application of these natural qualities and much hard work and dedication saw him climb through every non-commissioned rank in the Canadian Army and become the Loyal Eddie’s Regimental Sergeant Major. Jim Stone was stuck in England with his Regiment until 1943 but then the Loyal Eddies drew what they all thought was a lucky straw. They were selected as one of the Canadian infantry battalions to serve in the Sicily Invasion in July 1943. Tens of thousands of other Canadians languished in England for another year until the Normandy landings in June 1944. It was not long until some of Jim’s comrades wished they were back in “Blighty,” too. Sicily was followed by the campaign in Italy. There, The Loyal Edmonton Regiment together with the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada were soon in furious battle with units from Germany’s 1st Parachute Regiment at the resort town of Ortona in December. The fighting was terrible, close in, house to house. By then, Jim Stone had received a commission and rapidly had been promoted to major and company commander. At one point in the Battle of Ortona, Major Stone was advancing with a small formation and they were stopped cold by a German anti-tank gun emplacement. Jim Stone threw a smoke grenade, rushed forward, dropped a fragmentation grenade over the armour shield of the enemy cannon and silenced it. For that singular feat of bravery he was awarded the Military Cross. The Battle of Ortona began on December 22 and continued over Christmas Day. It did not end until December 27, 1943 when the enemy withdrew. The Loyal Eddies lost 63 men killed in action and the Seaforths had 41 men killed in action. The Loyal Eddies went on to fight in Germany, too, and by war’s end Jim Stone was a Lieutenant Colonel commanding the Regiment. He brought it home to Edmonton. In addition to the Military Cross, he had been awarded two Distinguished Service Orders.

Colonel Stone was the Commanding Officer of the Rocky Mountain Rangers, a militia unit when he lived in Salmon Arm, BC, following the war. He also was engaged in a business there but in July 1950 he was summoned back into service to command the 2nd Battalion, Princess Patricia’s Canadian Light Infantry. He was a tough commander and he made his unit tough, too. He screened out those he deemed not fit for battle and put the others through rigorous training, not only in Canada but in Korea, too. When his Patricias landed at Pusan in December, 1950, the US Army gave Colonel Stone orders that instructed him to travel north of Seoul and place his Battalion under the command of the 29th British Independent Infantry Brigade, which was on the front line guarding the Imjin River. Big Jim Stone refused, for the very best of reasons. His Battalion was only four months old and many of the men had barely completed eight weeks of personal training. They had virtually no large unit training and were not ready to enter action as a cohesive battalion. He borrowed a light plane and flew to Suwon and confronted Lieutenant General Walton Walker, who commanded all United Nations troops



in Korea. Stone refused to commit his troops until they had six more weeks of training at the company and battalion level. The tough American General gave in. Stone took his men to Miryang, just north of Pusan and trained them very hard, as all of those surviving today will attest. They were attacking hills in Korea by mid-February, 1951. After the PPCLI had participated in its first engagements on Hills 444, 419 and 352, Colonel Stone contracted smallpox and was hospitalized for several weeks. He returned to the Battalion literally within hours of the enemy breaking through the line in a ferocious all out broad scale assault in late April. His Battalion, along with the 3rd Battalion of The Royal Australian Regiment, was ordered to take up blocking positions in the Kapyong River Valley and hold the enemy back. The Patricia's held a vast area on four mountains on the west side of the valley while the Australians held similar positions to the East. On the night of April 23/24 the Patricia's came under attack. As Jim Stone attested later "with units buckling all around them the Patricia's did not give up an inch of ground!" They stood fast and with masterful use of artillery, machinegun and mortar support, they held off five to ten times their own numbers. Because of their skilled use of ground, their own casualties were kept to a minimum. For several hours on the next day they were completely surrounded but the enemy effort had been blunted. The last major thrust of the Chinese forces had been turned back in their sector. The enemy would never again attempt a broad scale assault and soon after entered into ceasefire negotiations – although they were to drag on for two full years. A day after the April 23/24 Battle of Kapyong, LCol Stone was advised that his two-year old daughter Moira had undergone surgery for cancer and had lost an eye and was close to death. The General commanding the 24th US Army Division loaned Stone his light plane and shuttled him to Kimpo Field. He caught a flight to Tokyo where a Canadian Pacific Airlines plane purposefully had gone off schedule waiting for him to arrive. He returned to action in Korea after spending a mandatory compassionate leave in Canada. During Colonel Stone's absence from the front the Battalion was commanded by Major Pat Tighe, of Vancouver, the second in command. For the action at Kapyong and his commendable service in Korea, Lieutenant Colonel Jim Stone was awarded his third Distinguished Service Order - a remarkable achievement, and the Unit was awarded the US Presidential Citation for their action at Kapyong.



After Korea Jim Stone was promoted to full Colonel and appointed Provost Marshal of the Canadian Army. While serving in that position, he founded the Military Police Fund for Blind Children in 1957. It has since contributed tens of millions of dollars in support to blind children through the years, providing for medical needs, equipment, training, guide dogs and recreational activities. The fund helps support eight schools for blind children. In 1995, Colonel Stone was appointed by the Governor General of Canada to the Order of Canada; his citation read: "A true humanitarian and one of Canada's few remaining highly decorated soldiers from World War Two and the Korean conflict, he founded the Military Police Fund for Blind Children in 1957, bringing

happiness to these very special youngsters. Under his guidance and life-long patronage, the Canada-wide fund expanded its activities over the years to Europe and the Middle East, providing medical equipment as well as educational and recreational assistance, otherwise unavailable to the children."



Colonel Jim Stone was 93 in 2001 when the 50th anniversary of the Battle of Kapyong was commemorated in Korea. He could not be present because of health reasons. However, one veteran telephoned him from Korea a day in advance and asked if he would accept a telephone call during the ceremonies the next day. The ceremonies were to take place in the Canadian Memorial Gardens at the site of the Battle of Kapyong. The Canadian Monument that commemorates all Canadians who served in Korea is located there, as is a monument to the PPCLI. Jim Stone answered the telephone call with booming voice, "Stone here!" After he considered things, he said to go ahead and call the next day. He would be waiting. There were 50 serving soldiers from the Regiment present at Kapyong who had just returned from service in Bosnia. There were also about 20 Kapyong veterans present who had served with Jim Stone during the battle. One of them was Major Gordon Henderson, of Surrey, BC, who had been his battle adjutant at Kapyong. Another was Lieutenant Colonel John Bishop, of Victoria, who had been a corporal at Kapyong but who had risen in rank after the war and at one point in his career served as Canada's Defence Attaché to Korea. Others present included Private Bernie Cote of Windsor, Ontario, who served in D Company on Hill 677 at Kapyong; Corporal Smiley Douglas of Calgary, who lost a hand at Kapyong and was awarded a Military Medal for bravery in the field; Corporal Don Hibbs of Elliot Lake, Ontario and many other outstanding gentlemen. When they dialed Jim Stone in Canada, the Canadian Defence Attaché's assistant tried to stop the call from being made "because there was a ceremony taking place." He was told that the veterans were calling the man who had made the ceremony possible! Jim Stone spoke cordially and enthusiastically with every one of the Kapyong veterans. He recited along with one of them the PPCLI verse composed by men from his Battalion that boasted of their exploits. Towards the end of the call he was weeping. He told Gordon Henderson, "I wish that I had come over now!" When he switched off the hand phone Henderson said, "You know, I think we have added five years to Jim's life!"

In 2003, when the Monument to Canadian Fallen was dedicated in Ottawa, Colonel Stone accepted the position of Parade Grand Marshal, although he had to watch the two-hour ceremony on television from his quarters in Victoria. Major General Herb Pitts, of Victoria, who was a platoon commander with 1st and 3rd PPCLI in Korea and is a member of the board of the Lodge at Broadmead, handled arrangements with Stone. Pitts was awarded a Military Cross for his service in Korea. When he asked Jim Stone if he would accept the appointment of Parade Grand Marshal, Stone gallantly said, "It would be an honour." "No sir, it is us who will be honoured," Pitts told him with greatest sincerity. General Pitts marched in the Veterans parade in Ottawa, intermingled with more than 100 other PPCLI veterans. In honour of Colonel Stone, Sergeant Roy Rushton, 85, from Tanner Hill, near Pictou, Nova Scotia, carried the Stone's commanding officer pennant – a khaki triangle with the red "2 PPCLI" emblazoned on it. Rushton, a twice wounded World War II veteran of the First Canadian Parachute Battalion who had fought in Normandy, had served with Jim Stone's Battalion in Korea and twice led platoons in attacks when their officers were wounded or injured. Roy Rushton led the parade of 1,000 Korean War Veterans as Big Jim Stone's surrogate and took the salute from then Prime Minister Jean Chrétien. Rushton marched boldly, swiftly and with great pride. On learning of Colonel Stone's death, Rushton sent the following message to General Pitts, hoping it would be passed on to the Stone family: "With a lump in my throat and moist eyes, I have just heard the sad news of Colonel (Big Jim) Stone's passing.

"It is impossible to explain the feeling of pride and emotion I felt as I carried his pennant past the saluting base and the large crowd gathered in Ottawa that day."

Jim Stone was not much on medals and was quite stringent in approving bravery awards for his men. He himself, despite his bias against them, was awarded quite a few. He held the Order of Canada, three Distinguished Service Orders, the Military Cross, the Italy Star, France Germany Star, the Korean War Medal and various other service medals from World War Two and the Korean War.



Recruiting Drive



Winter, for most, is nine months of hibernation. For others, it is three months of recreation. For Captain Mark Kwong and Master Corporal Mike Rude of Canadian Forces Recruiting Detachment Edmonton, it is an opportunity to rethink the vehicles used during a recruiting drive.

Running from 26 Feb to 13 Mar 05 and bolstered by the Loyal Edmonton Regiment's Sergeant Steven Boon, Corporal Greg Brewster, and Corporal Anthony Kenny, Exercise Northern Diversification was to see the four soldiers and one pilot travel 2100 km's from Fort McMurray, Alberta to Yellowknife, NWT and back to High Level, Alberta by snow mobile. But while the five were willing, the equipment was weak.

First stop was Fort Chipewyan, Alberta. Normally accessible only by winter road, the patrol eschewed the groomed trail and traversed the Athabasca River, leaving the road party to travel the tricky ice road. Although exhilarating, the first several hours of the trip were mostly uneventful. Not until the river intercepted the ice road did the adventure begin. After stopping briefly for fuel and food, the patrol met with a local from Fort Chip who offered directions to the town along the river and even offered to guide the four sleds in if they wanted to wait for a bit. Sgt Boon and MCpl Rude had been to Fort Chip the year before on a similar patrol and were confident they knew the route.

However, the Athabasca has an unexpectedly large delta and the trip the year prior stuck to the winter road. And this year, the unusually high amounts of snowfall caused considerable amounts of overflow to pool a foot or more deep beneath the several feet of snow, causing the smaller sleds to get stuck in the slush. Having spent a few extra hours extracting the stuck sleds, the patrol finally made it into Fort Chip a little later and a little wetter than expected.

Despite the unintentionally lengthy approach, the stay in Fort Chip seemed all too short. Established in 1778 by the Hudson's Bay Company, it is Alberta's oldest settlement. Several of the residents remembered MCpl Rude from his previous visit, and during the visit to the high school, he remembered the young student who had pulled the cord on the reserve parachute he had brought in for show (but not demonstration). After the weapons display, everyone hurried

over to the community centre to watch Lisa Odjig, 2004 World Champion Hoop Dancer. Because travel from Fort Chipewyan to Fort Smith would be almost entirely through Wood Buffalo National Park, the second leg of the patrol was required to use the ice road. What was feared to be a long and boring ride almost proved to be eventful as the patrol was stopped by a park ranger who informed them that a large herd of buffaloes unlawfully gathering along the road. However, this proved to be the first in a long string of tales about the mythical wood buffalo – throughout the exercise, the patrol were told of bison and their proclivity to milling with impunity on roadways. The only signs seen of the fabled beasts were road signs.

Mayor Peter Martselos was delighted to have the patrol stop in his town, and treated the five to lunch and several souvenirs. The recruiters began their display at Aurora College, where students were surprised to learn of the cultural training military members receive. Then, at the local sports complex, and accompanied by the local Ranger detachment, the patrol set up its weapons display where they were visited by several delighted army cadets.

Afterwards, on invite from the locals, the patrol went to the Legion. When the locals learned the route plan for the next leg involved travel up the Slave River they were surprised. Like the Athabasca, the Slave had been beset with considerable snowfall and the overflow was particularly bad. Besides, they said, none of the locals had ever made the trip along the river, not even the local Canadian Ranger detachment. However, Sgt Boon, a very experienced snowmobile operator, knew the limitations of the machines and was confident they would overcome the obstacle. MCpl Rude, the consummate recruiter, encouraged the locals to come along. Though the offer was tempting, none came.

From Fort Smith, the patrol was to visit Fort Resolution for a brief weapons display then immediately on to Hay River. On the way, however, catastrophe struck. Sgt. Boone's machine, a Summit 670, had a piston seize. Although the patrol had gone more half the rumoured impossible to traverse distance like a juggernaut, they were required to turn around and spend the evening in Fort Smith instead of Hay River. The next day, using a borrowed komatik, the patrol intended to retrieve the broken sled and continue on to Hay River. After hours of exhausting work, they returned again to sleep in the RCMP's Caddy Shack. Fort Smith's slogan, "Easy to get to, hard to leave", proved prophetic indeed.

Two days behind and at 75% vehicular strength, the patrol was forced to skip Fort Resolution and head directly to Hay River. After leaving Wood Buffalo, the remaining sleds were dismounted from the trailer and continued along the ditch. Spirits dampened from the previous day's efforts, the ride would have been completely uneventful had Captain Kwong not demonstrated his snowmobile's inferiority to his Hercules when it took him several kilometres down the wrong trail. Fortunately, his co-pilot on another machine was able to redirect the snowcraft and allow the passengers to return in a full, upright position.

With no schools open to house the weapons displays, the patrol opted for what seemed an obvious venue, snowmobile races. This proved a futile concept as spectators were far more interested in the races than the weapons. Even Cpl Brewster, who has helped set up and run several races in Edmonton, was disinterested in the display. After relocating to the Dene Reserve Community Hall, the display was much more successful. People were much more receptive to the display as they came in to warm up and the patrol was inundated with interested people.

After leaving the broken sled for repair in Hay River, the patrol headed towards Fort Providence. Again following roads along the ditches, the leg proved to be more entertaining than its predecessor. Here, troops were treated by an eye-opening feat of engineering and nature, the Providence Ice Bridge. Almost two kilometres wide crossing ice three metres thick on the Mackenzie River, the ice bridge was more than a little unsettling. Worse, upon arriving in Fort Providence, the patrol was treated to photos of a tractor trailer and grater falling through the ice a few years before. The weapons display, set up in the local arena, attracted a steady flow of interested residents.

The twin towns of Rae and Edzo were the next two on the tour. Not long after leaving Fort Providence, though, the second sled died. The truck was becoming increasingly full.



Shortly before the patrol arrived, several residents had left the towns for a caribou hunt and were expected to return with around fifty. Had the patrol been a few hours earlier, they would have had the opportunity to participate; as the hunt was done on snowmobile, the patrol's presence would have been very welcome. Instead, they had to settle for dried caribou and some caribou stew cooked up for them by the local RCMP.



MCpl Rude and Capt Kwong's skills as recruiters took the back seat as a very energetic and enthusiastic local encouraged people to come in for a hands-on display of army weapons. He also handed out recruiting literature and ensured that the teens present took the opportunity to speak to the recruiters about careers in the military. The only time the two were required to speak was when directly asked by an interested person, and often their answers were pre-empted by the impromptu recruiter.

Before making the last city in the NWT, Yellowknife, the third sled died but the patrol continued at 25%. Once in the city, the patrol was given a tour which included a stop at the Snow King's Palace, an ice palace made entirely by hand tools and from ice from Great Slave Lake. After an evening spent shopping for souvenirs and recuperating, the patrol took the time to re-supply on some much needed Timmy's. Properly retailed, rested, and refuelled, the patrol set its display up at the very busy Yellowknife Arena.

Yellowknife is the NWT's capital and largest city, and its arena is appropriately busy. The display was flooded with children and parents going into then coming out hockey games, gymnastics, and judo. The children were delighted when their parents granted them permission to get close to the weapons; the parents weren't as delighted when they were encouraged to pick up the SHRAAW(M).

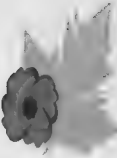
The day the patrol left Yellowknife was the exercise's coldest day, a shocker at -28°. Unimpressive to local residents, the patrol members were unhappy to hear of the +12° temperatures Edmonton was receiving. Despite having undergone an hour's maintenance, the final sled died 11 minutes outside of the city (though it is suspected that Cpl Brewster lied about its loss of power just to escape the cold). The patrol that should have been 2100 km's by snowmobile had halted at 1427. And as the patrol headed south back into Alberta, the temperatures increased and trail conditions improved with no sleds to use them on. The day also proved to be the exercise's warmest; temperatures in High Level were just above zero.

Though High Level was to be the last stop, the weapons display was prepared as though this had been the first. Owing to a miscommunication in the Legion booking, however, the only people to attend were a few cadets and a local reporter. The cadets were very happy to utilize the weapons and were more than willing to have their pictures taken for the newspaper. Despite not having gone the intended distance by snowmobile, the members of the patrol were gladdened to have had the opportunity to go on it. It was an opportunity for them to see remote parts of Canada they may otherwise not have seen and spread goodwill to all the communities they visited. With MCpl Rude and Capt Kwong leaving the recruiting centre, the patrol's future is in question, but all its members are eager to participate in any future patrols.

Patricia Influence Reaches East Coast

Windsor, Nova Scotia

By D.R. Miles



King Edgehill School, established in 1877, and its long standing Cadet Corps, have always paid tribute and honour to those who served their country in both war and peace. The school Honour Roll shows that more than 500 served in South Africa, the Great War, World War II, Korea and Vietnam in Navies, Armies and Airforces of the Empire and Allies. Some 60, whose names are engraved on our school memorial made the supreme sacrifice.

The Strong Shield was one of the school's annual Cadet Awards in memory of fallen comrades.

Major Cecil V. Strong, MC, RE (King's old boy: 1910-1912), was killed in action WWI on March 10, 1917 at age 23. Cecil's parents, Mr. And Mrs. Percy T. Strong, of Halifax, presented to the school this Shield in memory of their son. The award, in Cecil's name, was backdated to the school year 1914-1915, as this was the time the Cadet Corps was placed upon a military basis, and incidentally, the first year of WWI.

The nieces of Major Strong – Barbara Strong Auld, Geraldine Strong Collins, and Shirley Strong Collins, requested that the Strong Shield be retired at the end of the school year in 2001. In May, the Shield was placed in the Hensley Memorial Chapel during a laying up ceremony conducted by the Corps.



Shortly thereafter, some distinguished visitors were touring the grounds where the Strong Shield became a subject of interest.

LCol D.M. Day, CD, then the Commanding Officer of the Second Battalion and his parents, Sir Graham Day (Edgehill Staff: 1957-1958) and Lady L. Ann (Creighton) Day (Edgehill Old Girl: 1952-1955) approached the Headmaster, Mr. David Penaluna and myself reference a replacement award. After some thought and telephone conversation with QMSI Lawler, a new award was agreed upon.

Thus was born the "Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Presentation Pace Stick". This was fully funded by the Day family and built by the battalion Pioneers, all constructed with beautiful craftsmanship. In addition, there were a good number of Patricia plaques purchased for the future years.

The award is made annually to the Cadet Corps RSM in recognition of loyalty, pride and leadership displayed toward the Canadian Cadet programme while attending King's Edgehill



School. The individual's name goes on the Pace Stick mounting and extension board to stay with the school, while a laser-engraved wood plaque, in this form a scroll, displaying the PPCLI hat badge is presented as a keeper.

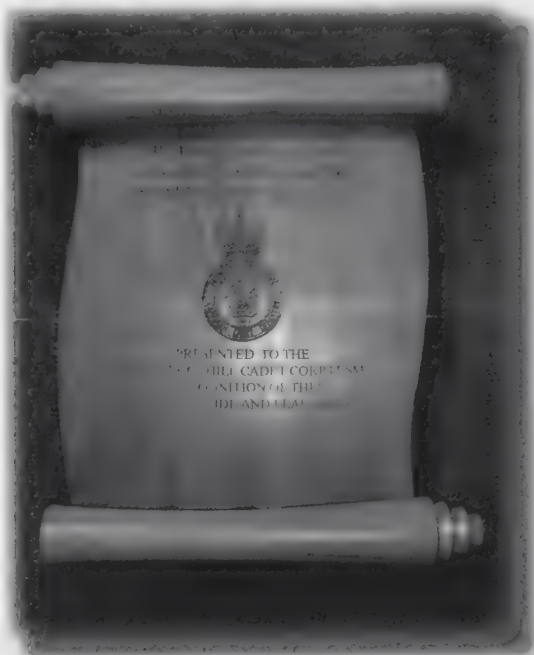
This was an outstanding gift of a unique award considering this corps affiliated unit over the last ninety-five years were naturally from armies of the east in the form of the West Nova Scotia Regiment and the Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) of Canada.

Somehow, there has been speculation, we now have a connection to the Patricias – isn't that dandy.

D.R. Miles, CD3

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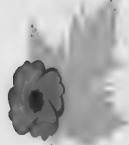
Editor's Note:

D.R. Miles joined the Army in 1962 with the West Nova Scotia Regiment (West NSR), then enrolled in the PPCLI on 18 March 1965 and was posted to 2 PPCLI. He served in Edmonton, North West Europe, Winnipeg, Cyprus, CTC, CAR, Royal Roads and CFRC Cornwallis. Mr Miles transferred to the Reserve Force, the West NSR in 1993, and to the CIC in 1996 where he is still serving.

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The PPCLI Association will be holding its 60th Anniversary in Calgary, Alberta from 31 August – 3 September 2007. Events will be held at The Glenmore Inn and Convention Centre, the Ogden Legion and the Museum of the Regiments.

For more information visit www.ppcli.com and find information on the Association link.



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT R. Raidt

Much has happened since I wrote my article for the 2004 *Patrician*. There has been trouble in nearly every corner of the globe and Patricians continue to serve the noble cause – to preserve the peace. Our thoughts are with those Patricians whose call of duty places them in some of the trouble spots. We are confident that our soldiers have the benefit of wise and courageous leadership as they embark on various NATO/UN missions.

Many have questioned the purpose of the Association. In my opinion, the Association possesses a clear sense of purpose. The purpose remains true to the Founder's ideals as first expressed in 1947. The purpose and objects of the Association, as enunciated by the Founder, are embedded in the Association's Constitution. The Preamble to Article III states in part: "The objects of the Association are to foster and maintain the spirit of the Regiment, circulate information regarding the Regiment amongst its members, perpetuate the close bonds of comradeship, mutual regard and esprit de corps amongst all ranks formed whilst serving in the Regiment." The statement is as valid today as it was in the past.

Part of my message this year again is to challenge Patricians about to retire, or who are still serving, to join the Association and thus strengthen the Regimental family. A family, however, is more than the sum of its parts. A family is a cohesive unit, inwardly connected to each of its members and ready to challenge any and all external forces. To accomplish this we need a broadly based, well informed, highly motivated membership in which all members enjoy equality of status, and have an equal opportunity to plan and participate in the Association's, if not in the Regiment's affairs. Our focus, therefore, remains on our active membership and its participation in Regimental activities. The Association is committed to and will continue to be an important member of the Regimental family. Some steps have been taken but much more needs to be done in this respect.

There has been some changes in our governance structure. The Regimental Museum is no longer under the aegis of the Hamilton Gault Memorial Fund but is now part of the Regimental Fund. The Association will, for the foreseeable future in any case, continue to dedicate at least 80 percent of casino proceeds to the Museum, as we have done so for the last 20 years.

Anniversaries are very worth while. They are more than celebrations; they are recapitulations of the past. The Calgary Branch, as the hosting Branch, is well advanced with the Association's 60th Anniversary planning. Details are provided in this edition of *The Patrician*. All are invited to attend this celebration in 2007.

Overall, 2005 has been a very successful year. My personal thanks to all those who made this success possible. This optimism should carry us forward well into 2006 and beyond.



This the Year of the Veteran was a very productive and active year for the branch. Despite losing two of our long time members, Don Gower and Bill Larkin, our membership increased by six members which equated to a ten percent increase.

As this was the Year of the Veteran, the Branch bestowed and awarded the designation of Honorary Life members within our Branch, to all veterans of World War II and Korea. Also this year, all members of the Branch were presented the Year of the Veteran pin as well as the Patricia Coin. Our membership wears the pin proudly, is not afraid of the "coin challenge", and even though their vehicles may need a wash, those that have the veterans' license plate, keep it very clean and polished.

Our 65 regular and 15 associate members are: George Arndt, Herman Barkmeyer, Barny and Marj Barnhart, David (Sgt at Arms) and Liz (Secretary) Basham, Ted Bastien (Honourary Life) and Betty Newman Jones, Eugene Bekar, Marcel Beztily, Dan Blundon, Art and Beth Brochu, Don Brodie, Stephen Chorney, Marty Clavette, Bob (Honourary Life) and Nadia Craig, John Demerchant (Vice President), Gord Descouteaux, Mark Eckley, Ralph Funk, George Gerhart, Fred Goldring (President), David Gorman, Bob and Marianne Harris, Lloyd Holden, John Jackson (Honourary Life), Ken Jobin, Wayne Johnston, Stan Kellington, John and Shirley Kolanchey (Honourary Life and Branch Chaplin), Darren Krywiak, Oscar Lacombe, Bill and Mariko Lee (Honourary Life), Mike and Elsie Lotoski, Darrel Marsh, Leo McCarthy, Bob (Honourary Life) and Jean McDonald, Lyle and Shirley McIvor (Honourary Life), Neil (Honourary Life) and Ida McKerracher, Monty (Honourary Life) and Edith Moncrief, Harry Moore, Pat Munro (Honourary, her father was an original Patricia), Ken Nette, Neal Neufeld (Honourary Life), Otto Pieche, Len Poirier, Maurice and Karen Polowick, Cliff and Joanne Pompana, Peter Radostits, Jack Reed, Bert Reed, Kris Reynolds, Paul and Donna Robison, Lyle and Joyce Saumer, Stan Shank, Vern Shave, Fred Schiweck, Orvis Schneider, Bill Shybunka, Jack Slater (Honourary Life), Chris (CC) Smith, GB Smith, Bob Storrier, Bill and Pam Sutherland, Wayne Taylor (Past President), Una Travis (Honourary Life), Bruce Topham, Ole (Honourary Life) and Anne Vold, Ted Walton, Jack White and Laura Wright.



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For whatever reason or reasons we have had 20 members who have let their dues fall into arrears in the past year or two or our membership would have been 85 regulars and 15 associates.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Association in Wainwright, 15 members, including our entire Executive, attended the event and festivities, and all had a great time.

Our Branch was honoured to be asked to participate in the Queen's visit this past summer. We were requested to have a contingent of veterans to attend and be in the presentation line for Her Majesty at the Legislative Gardens. Our contingent consisted of World War II Vets, Korea Vets, NATO Tour Vets, UN Peacekeeping Vets as well as Peacetime Vets. The picture submitted along with the article shows a proud group of individuals!

Our Branch was presented at the unveiling of the General Wm Griesbach statue, which was erected in the heart of the old PMQ area of Griesbach. This area has really changed with the demolition of many buildings and the moving of some, renovations, etc., the Hamilton Gault Barracks as we knew them is almost all gone, just one barrack block remains, the Junior Ranks Club, Mess Hall, Officers' Mess and Quarters, Guard House, the Old Western Command Building, etc., all gone and replaced with high-priced housing projects and dwellings. In three years we are told, all of the remaining buildings in Hamilton Gault Barracks will be totally demolished. It is sad when one drives through the area, to see the demolitions and the buildings that have disappeared, as we all have a lot of good memories from past years in that area.

Members of our Branch were represented at six sites of Remembrance Day ceremonies: two in Edmonton, one in Fort Saskatchewan, one in Smokey Lake, one in Chipman and one in Westlock.

A number of our members attended the Memorial service for LCol Jim Stone.

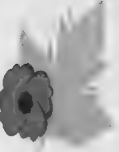
Members of the Branch attended the Junior Ranks Holiday Dinners for the First and Third Battalions.

At our own Branch Christmas Dinner, 44 were in attendance, including a couple of former Patricias from the late 50s and 60s. From New York City – Michael May, and Ollie Oleksyn and his wife from Saskatoon. And again as we do every year, the Branch was very generous with gifts for Santas Anonymous and donations for the Edmonton Food Bank.

Our monthly meetings are still held at the Kingsway Legion at 1100 hours on the fourth Saturday of every month except July and August. Our December meeting depends when Christmas falls. If you are ever in the area, drop in and see us, we love visitors. The Branch wishes everyone a great and prosperous 2006! See those who can make the AGM in Kingston this summer.

Calgary Branch

January of 2005 found the executive of the Calgary Branch busy putting the final touches to the coming year. We try to keep up with the happenings in the Battalions, keeping members informed on subjects that affect all of us.



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The last Saturday of the month we have a Breakfast/meeting. Breakfast starts at 0900 hrs, the meeting starts at 1030hrs. We held most of our meetings at the Ogden Legion. We like to start the weekend with a Happy Hour the last Friday of the month starting at 1500Hrs at Buffalo Bob's 126 3715 51 St. S.W. This does change so if you're in town and have time to visit, give us a call to find out if we are hiding out at a new place. Sometimes we have no choice in moving locations...something about "we'll call the cops if you come back", or words to that effect!!

Our President Joe Schulz was instrumental in introducing the "Grieving Package" to the Calgary Branch. This consists of four booklets, each given out over a period of a year. When you lose a loved one these booklets help with the healing process and explain that the feelings that you have are normal. Each person who has received the package has found it very helpful.

During the February meeting we covered two major subjects. Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) delivered by C.J. Wallace. C. J. is well versed on the subject. We were informed by Chris of the characteristics relating to PTSD and how it is affecting serving and retired members of our Regiment.

Suffield Chemical Warfare Testing was next. This topic covered those who were involved in special testing between 1940 and 1971. Mac Walker and other members who were involved in testing gathered together at the Red Deer Legion. They discussed dates and names in order to provide those involved with the correct information to apply for compensation packages. Thanks to Chris and Mac we are much better informed



Joe Schulz President and Annette Loykowski secretary tie up loose ends as the branch member look on



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*Members of the Calgary Branch
talk war stories*



Thanks guys.

On March 17 at 19:00hrs until 22:00hrs (or so we thought) Regimental Day was held in Lou of the March meeting at the Forest Lawn Legion.

The wild bunch was there as well as many Patricias that we thought had lost the trail. Everyone had a great visit and feeling of serving the regiment and being with fellow Patricias was tangible.

After way too many toasts to the Regiment, Princess Patricia, missing comrades, serving Patricias, Patricias overseas; they told us to leave. Mainly because we actually drank all the hard liquor. It took us until April to feel better.



*Support Trades attached to 3 PPCLI
receive their Regimental Coin from
Commanding Officer LCol Eyre. They
were also welcomed to the family by
members of the Association*

In 2007, the Calgary branch will be hosting the AGM in conjunction with the 60th anniversary of our Association. Our Branch President Joe Schulz made an appeal for assistance from our branch to make this the best party we ever had making those that are serving now, proud of the Regiment and make them want to join the Association. Rudi Raidt the National President received an invitation from the CO of the 3rd Battalion to present a briefing on the Association during their sports day on Friday 08 April 2005. He accepted and requested assistance from both the Edmonton and Calgary Branches. At the start of the Sports Day Rudi introduced himself as the National President and

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briefly spoke about the Association as a whole and turned the floor over to Bob Zubkowski. Bob quickly gave a brief outline on the PPCLI Association's history; how and when the association was formed and why it is important to be a member.

Calgary Branch President, Joe Schulz spoke about the Calgary Branch, its membership, monthly dues, when and where our meetings are held. Joe also covered our volunteer involvement with the Museum, Casino, Poppy Fund, PPCLI Cadets and Christmas Comforts.

Chris Wallace wrapped it up with information on the VPP Program.

May was one of the busy months for us. Starting off was the PPCLI Cadet Annual Ceremonial Review Tuesday, 24 May 2005 at the AMU building at Currie Barracks. Our Colonel of the Regiment was the Reviewing Officer for this parade and our Regimental Major and Regimental Adjutant attended along with members of the Branch. We sure are proud of these kids and the dedication they show.

During the weekend of April 29 - May1, the 2554 PPCLI Royal Canadian Army Cadet Corps had a chance to participate in the annual Frank Kozar Provincial Drill Competition. The officers and cadets put forth their best effort and presented an amazing show. They placed third overall as well Master Corporal Karly Alberta was awarded as being "Best Dressed Cadet" from our Corps. Bruce Nickel is the Calgary Branch representative. His hard work and dedication to these future leaders is obvious. Thanks Bruce for taking on this task.



*Briefing the Calgary Branch on HAWCS.
From left to right Engineer, Greg Solar, Pilot
John Carson, and Observer Mike Ter Kuile.*

In our May newsletter CJ Wallace gave us a heads up on Bill C-45 approved by the Senate passed into law becoming the new Veteran Charter, 12 May 05. Have a look at WWW.veteranvoice.info on the internet for constant updates and change to subjects relating to serving and retired soldiers.

On Saturday May 28th 2005, Calgary branch members and their families had a chance to examine HAWCS One, (Helicopter Air Watch for Community Service) Calgary Police helicopter, thanks to Branch member Mike Ter Kuile a former Patricia Officer now serving with the Calgary City Police. The 45 minute talk covered all aspects of the use of HAWCS making us feel safer knowing that Calgary's finest is protecting us with high tech equipment stopping bandits cold. The Calgary Branch wishes to thank these fine men for their time.



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The Fantastic Four

From left to right - Fred Litchfield, Fred (longest putt) Blackmore, John Burke, and James Dobie. James was attached to the First Battalion as a signaler in Cyprus 1978. Rumour has it Fred Blackmore will now be trying out for the pro circuit.

We are very thankful to Jerry Bowes for coordinating our golf tournament. Each year we host a golf tournament on the closest date to D-Day. We held our Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday May 29th at the beautiful Turner Valley Golf & Country Club. Forty-three want-to-be golfers on eleven teams teed off in warm sunshine on a course that was in prime condition. Steve Moe, the Head Professional, and his staff at the club went all out with their country style hospitality to ensure everyone enjoyed the day. Good food, great camaraderie and plenty of refreshments added to the fun and spirit of the Tournament.

Organizing and success of the Tournament was a team effort and Jerry would like to recognize the following: his assistants: Frank Jarbeau, Doug Mc Neil, & Homer Touchette and the Corporate Sponsors: Novak RV Ltd., Spruce Meadows, Canada Cement Lafarge, PPCLI Assn., Calgary Co-op, CIBC, Wood Gundy, Endurance Technologies, Stylecraft Printing, & Redwood Meadows (Tsu Tina Nation).

Individual Sponsors: Doug & Tim Mc Neil, Heidi & Jerry Bowes, Ken Barrett, Homer Touchette, Abe Rempel, Al Norris, John Sinclair, Mona Limacher & George Arthurson.

Sponsors are the life blood of our tournament and I urge every one to support these firms where possible.

Congratulations to all the winners: Individual hole prizes: Fred Blackmore, Ron Dunne, Willie Foucault, Gary Foucault, Paul Beaugrand & John Sinclair.

Tournament Champions: Winners by 3 strokes the team of Doug Mc Neil, Tim McNeil, Willie Foucault, & Gary Foucault.

Mark the 1st Sunday of June 2006 on your calendar for next year's event.

There was no let up for us in June beginning with the Branch running the Association's Casino 4th and 5th of June 2005. Thanks to the hard work of Tom Reid it went off with out a hitch. This was followed shortly after by the annual AGM held in



You never know what might take place under the big top..... Right McDuffs!!



Judy and Bob Finney along with Fred Blackmore enjoy the music of Doug McIssac. This year we had four guitars, one pair of spoons and lots of accompaniment.



Wainwright. It sure is hard to try and top a show they put on. We had a great time. Thanks Wainwright!! To wrap up June we had a Stampede Breakfast with thanks to George Arthurson it was a great way to end the month.

Peace Keepers Day 09 August held at the Peace Keepers Park, continued to keep us going. The UN Association has done a marvelous job putting together this beautiful park. If you're in Calgary it is a must see, located in the Old Lincoln Park area. At the Museum of the Regiments, The First Special Service Force held a parade, memorial service, 12th August with former members of the Airborne Regiment invited. It was well attended and an honour to see true heroes.

The biggest treat of the year is our annual RV and BBQ. The 8th annual RV and BBQ was held August 19th to the 21st at San Ray acres 10 miles east of Strathmore. The weather was great and it seemed in a blink of an eye the weekend was gone. We had a wonderful time with members from the Edmonton Branch and the Drumheller Patricias. Its a nice way to relax for the weekend.

A very special thanks to Jack and Sandi Rayner for putting up with us all these years.

Don Ethel has been awarded the "Officer of the Order of Canada." The award became official on the 29th of August 2005 with Don's investiture sometime in the New Year. On behalf of the Branch Don congratulations.

The Cadets' Change of Command Parade was held Tuesday 20 September 2005 at the ASU Building at Currie Barracks. An open invitation was extended to all



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members of the Calgary Branch of the Association.

The Cadets are looking for accoutrements. Hat badges, shoulder flashes, sashes, drill canes, pace sticks, web buckles and more. So make your wife happy and clear out your basement.

The new CO of the Cadets has sent us an open invitation to come out on any Tuesday night and sit in on lectures or other training that the cadets are involved with. It is a thrill for the kids to have you there. Many of us have turned off the TV and headed down to watch these cadets in action. It's well worth doing.

The Calgary Branch held a Meet and Greet instead of our monthly meeting, 24 September 2005. Wine and cheese was served. Everyone in attendance had a fun time.

October we finally had a slow month with our regular happy hour and monthly meeting being a nice change of pace. The only topic at our meeting was Agent Orange.

November found us on the go again. I will thank everyone who took the time to inform our young Canadians of the sacrifices made and are still being made by the members of the armed forces. There were over 130 requests for veterans to speak to Cubs, Scouts, Brownies, Guides and school classes from grades one to twelve.

I will also thank the following for helping out our branch for poppy tagging at Zellers in Signal Hill on November 5th: Rod Hunter, Fred Litchfield, Neal Bynkoski, Jim White, Bruce Nickel, Ken Smith, Joe Schulz, Bob Zubkowski, Carl Graham, Ken Higton, Bruce Burton, George Arthurson, John McCartan, Doug MacIsaac, Bob Myshrall. Thanks to Ken Villager, Tom Reid for laying wreaths on our behalf. And George Arthurson colour party.

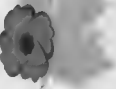


Joe Schulz represented the Branch at Warner Alberta for the opening of the Veterans Highway.

This was old highway 36. This highway is 672 Km long and stretches from Warner Alberta to Lac La Biche Alberta, making this the longest veterans' highway in Canada. There will be 80 signs along the route to indicate the new highway name. We should be proud not only of this dedication of this highway to our veterans, but also to those who made this possible. One of these is a member of the Calgary Branch, Harvey Shevalier. Harvey is also the President of the Royal Canadian Legion Alberta -

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NWT Command, and also MLA Mr. Wayne Cao for the constituency of Calgary Fort. Thank you Harvey and Wayne for all your hard work and dedication to our veterans.



Many more were at the Jubilee auditorium and the Museum of the Regiments for Remembrance Day.

By the time you read this we will be well into the new year. We are holding elections for a new executive so stay tuned.

Phone Bob Zubkowski if you're in town to fine out the location of our happy hour, or come to a meeting for breakfast. We would enjoy a visit with you if you are in town.

LOST TRAILS

ANYONE KNOW SYLVIA AND JOE?

Dear Clay and Lucille:

I'd like to thank whoever sent in my name for 2 free sample copies of The Senior. I really truly enjoyed reading it from cover to cover. I was born in Humboldt, so I know the province well and it will always be home to me. My parents are both gone now but I have one sister left in Saskatchewan, so we visit there every summer. The rest of my siblings are in BC., Alberta and New Brunswick. I wonder if any of your readers know someone I've been searching for. It's been 40 years since I've seen Sylvia Isbister, a very dear friend. I believe she was from Lloydminster. In 1961 she married Joe Breidel (Bredell?) in Edmonton. He was originally from B.C. and was with the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry (PPCLI) Edmonton. Sylvia had a brother, Percy Isbister, in the army and another brother, Henry. They also lived in Edmonton. Cousin Shirley Isbister married Fred Zimmerman and moved to Germany in 1959. I'd really appreciate hearing from anyone who knew of these people - especially Sylvia and Joe. Theresa Yeo 6928 - HWY 35N. Coboconk. Ont. K0M 1K0

Dear Sir: My cousin, Anthony Ferguson, born in 1933, served as an officer with the PPCLI for his working life. The family has lost touch with him. The last we heard of him, he was a captain working with cadets on the prairies. If it is the realm of your organization's services, we would appreciate it if you could let us know where to contact him.

Thank you.

C. E. (Ted) Spearin
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Okanagan/Thompson

It was with regret that after almost twenty-one years the Okanagan/Thompson Branch had to close. With an aging membership and no one wanting to hold office, the membership decided to become Members at Large within the Association.

Vancouver Island Branch

Our Branch enjoyed a successful 2005. We started our yearly cycle with our AGM in January, followed by a well attended Regimental Birthday dinner in March. In August we held an awards ceremony for MWO GM Usipiuk and Cpl TA Davis CD. Both serving members received the Commander in Chief's Medak Pocket Commendation for their service with 2PPCLI in 1992. This event, held in the Chiefs & PO's Mess at



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CFB Esquimalt, had a strong turn out. The COR, filled in for the Commander in Chief who because of her health could not attend.

For the Branch's autumn meeting we arranged for Major Richard Raymond, from 1PPCLI to visit the Branch. Major Raymond, briefed us on the battalion's upcoming mission to Afghanistan, as well as the training, clothing, and equipment of today's soldiers. Shortly after the meeting the Branch was invited to the 100th birthday celebration of Archibald Wilmot. Mr. Wilmot, served in the Regiment during the Italian campaign. He was severely wounded and repatriated home in 1944. The COR. presented a plaque from the Regiment to Mr. Wilmot to mark his service and birthday.

In December, we held a Memorial Service for Col Jim Stone, CM, DSO, MC, CD. Our Service was held at The Lodge at Broadmead, a veteran's facility, and the last home of Col Stone. Many veterans from the KVA, other Regiments and Corps, along with our Branch members attended. Mr. John Dougan, MC and Bar, of the LER honoured us by speaking at the Service. Mr. Dougan, served throughout the war with Col Stone, was his best man, and life long friend. LCol John Bishop, CD (Ret'd), now the senior surviving



Kapyong veteran, spoke of Col Stone as CO 2PPCLI during the formation, training, and commitment of the battalion to battle. Mr. Michael Stone, represented the Stone family. All spoke eloquently of Col Stone's contribution not only to the men he commanded but also to his service to Canada in his post military career.

In January the cycle begins again with our AGM followed by a comprehensive briefing from the District Manager of Veteran's Affairs Canada. Our Branch continues to flourish thanks to the continuing efforts of Larry and Liz Davies, Chic Goodman, and Ed Hansen, to name but four of a great team of members that make things happen for our Branch in the Patricia way.

Vancouver Branch

Our Branch AGM was held Jan 30, at the Seaforth Armory. Despite the "scuzzy" weather, 12 members plus 3 visitors were present. Elections were held for the coming 2 year term. As the Sec/Treas decided to continue on for another term, the rest of the Executive and two Directors agreed to continue as well. Tom Holland, Glenn Palmer, Thelma Holland, Don Boyce and Don Urquhart were returned by acclamation. Director Fred Udell had passed away and Director Don Parr-Pearson stood down due to health problems. Garry Jantzen volunteered to fill Fred's position and Bob McDonald was nominated and agreed to the position. They were elected by acclamation.



On Sunday, March 13 2005 we met in the Anderson Room of the Seaforth Armoury for our Annual Regimental Day Luncheon. A total of 36 members and their ladies, family and friends had a very enjoyable afternoon; including a very interesting presentation given on Afghanistan by the RSS WO for the Seaforth Highlanders of Canada WO John McKenzie[PPCLI] who just happens to be a member of the Branch.

The President and Sec/Treas. attended the "very wet" National Association AGM in Wainwright. It was a good turnout of the Branch reps. Congratulations to the Wainwright Branch on a job well done.

Our Annual BBQ was held on 28th of August at Val & Ken Tutte's home. Though



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the weatherman teased us all day with periods of sunshine and a few sprinkles an enjoyable time was had by all. There were 40 members and their Ladies present. Ed and Linda Hansen were over from Victoria. Peter Seiersen over from Ladysmith with his buddies Tom Hale and Doug Morgan, who I might add took home a good portion of the raffle prizes. Our special guest this year was "Sgt. Grampy" of the Loyal Eddies, who did sentry duty at the gate and retired to the rec room for a well-earned rest at the end of the day. Thanks to RSM Mike Blood for the hat badge. Tom still owes you.

We unfortunately had two of our members John W. Carnes and Walter E. Wheeler passed away on Feb 20 and Mar 15 respectively. We also received word that Orville O. Ooms & Dorothy Roberts had passed away at the end of Oct. 2004.

On Sunday, December 11th we held our annual Xmas Party at the home of Jenny & Don Urquhart with a total of 21 Members and their Ladies present. Though our numbers were down from last year we still had a fantastic time.

Thanks go to: Garry Jantzen our industrious raffle ticket seller, Don Boyce bartender. Val and Ken Tutte's families hard work and use of their home, Glenn Palmer and his work party, son Murray and grandson Vaughan for helping set up at the BBQ. Jenny and Don Urquhart for the use of their lovely home for the Xmas Event and Executive Meetings. The generosity of donations made by the Branch members. Though we lost 6 members through health problems, death and inability to contact people, we gained 2 new members so we are holding steady.

Southern Ontario Branch

Another quite year has slipped by in our Branch area with the principal activity being our annual branch dinner and reunion weekend held on 13-14 May 2005. The event was well attended from across the area, with some 26 couples sitting down



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to eat. The room was very attractively decorated and once again we thank Lida Paxton for her efforts and talent in making the center pieces for the table. We were joined by Vince and Wendy Kennedy as our principle guests. Vince gave us all a very informative briefing on the Regimental goals and objectives leading up to the celebration of our 100th anniversary and it is clear that the work that must be done is both extensive and ambitious. It is very encouraging however to see that plans have been so carefully established long enough in advance to actually achieve them clearly not a case of the "MOVE NOW ROUTE TO FOLLOW" philosophy!

We were fortunate to receive a very short talk from Doug Armstrong with respect to his trip overseas both to Italy the year before and to France along with the official contingent (Our representative being Jack Palmer) of the DVA tour to celebrate the Year of the Veteran. He had a very enjoyable time but one also of very poignant remembrance for fallen comrades. Sunday we concluded the weekend with a church service conducted by the Reverend Thorold Marsaw from up Toronto way and after a hearty breakfast, farewells were said until next year.

November the eleventh dawned clear and unseasonably warm with the unforeseen dilemma of weather or not it would be raincoats and medals on or off. However old soldierisms prevailed and raincoats were worn just in case. A wreath was laid at the cenotaph in Saint Catherine's by Jack Palmer and Doug Armstrong escorted by the president of our Branch, Bruce Paxton and the Vice president Mark Fisher. Although it did resemble an orders parade we in fact were only there to assist and not to ensure that the principles slacken off in any way! Following the ceremony which was very well attended by the local population we all retired to Branch 350 of the Royal Canadian Legion for a well deserved "breath of life", made even better as Bruce bought!.

Best wishes to all!

Ottawa Branch

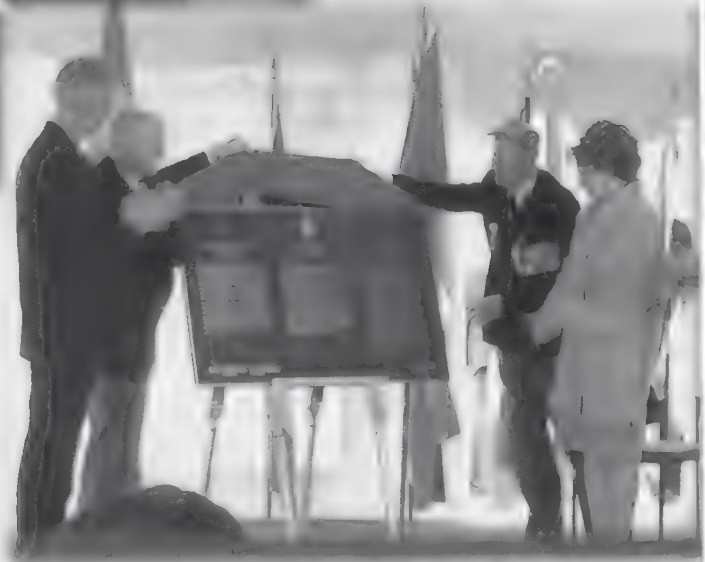
The year 2004 closed out with another successful Remembrance Day gathering at Lawnsdowne Park. The first event for the 2005 season was the 17th of March Dinner which was again held at Connaught Ranges but in the new dining facilities. The turnout was very good and a good time was had by all. As 2005 was declared "The Year of the Veteran" many activities took place in the Nation's Capital that a number of





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this branch's members attended. To add to this, it was also the 60th Anniversary of the liberation of Holland and the official opening of the new War Museum which added another dimension. Lloyd Swick was doubly honoured this year, first by being selected by the Calgary Highlanders (his war time unit) to represent them at the ceremonies in Holland and secondly by being asked to participate at the official unveiling of the plaque commemorating the liberation of Holland in the presence of Her Royal Highness, Princess Margarethe of the Netherlands here in Ottawa. On the 6th of June a number of branch members were invited to attend a special ceremony at the National War Memorial which was followed by a march down to the new War Museum and the official opening by the Prime Minister of Canada.



The Branch Annual General Meeting was held at Connaught Rifle Ranges and the serving Executive was acclaimed to serve for another term. It would appear that it is getting harder to find replacements. June saw a few members travel to Wainwright, Alberta to attend the Association Annual General Meeting. The Wainwright Branch is to be congratulated for putting on a great gathering. For Bill Minnis and Harry Bloom it was a walk down memory lane to walk around the old Camp where we had spent so much time and had great memories. We even got to close the Wainwright Hotel one night and luckily Khaki It, Olive Drab nor Gloves Leather Black were in town.

In September, the Chief of Defence Staff held a special parade for the outgoing Governor General to which a number of both retired and serving members were invited. The Patricia's were well represented with Colonel Pat Strogan and CWO Comeau, the Parade Commander and RSM respectively. The last official gathering of the branch was the Remembrance Day Service at the Regimental Cairn in Lansdowne Park. After the service John Hunter was presented the Association Certificate of Merit for his dedication and hard work in establishing the Volunteer Patricia Programme. We also had a surprise visit from Claude Petit on his way through to the airport to catch a flight back to



Sakatchewan. Both the president and vice president were invited to the Governor General's tea in honour of the Silver Cross Mother who was Mrs. Leger, whose son was killed in the friendly fire incident in Afghanistan.

To all Patricia's serving and retired Good Health ,Happiness and Prosperity in the New Year.

Manitoba and Northwest Ontario Branch

On March 17, Stu Weeks and D'Arcy Best drove to Shilo to celebrate Regimental Day with Second Battalion. After we got there we had to plough through a few hundred meters of knee-deep snow to reach the field where the Broom-i-loo was being played, arriving just in time to see the Officers defeat the Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Following Broom-i-loo, we joined the Battalion in the Kapyong Barracks Main Hall for the presentation of awards and a couple of beers before joining the Warrant Officers and Sergeants into the Officers' Mess for the customary presentation of the Ends of the Horse. Stu Weeks presented the Association Gas Mask to the unfortunate Warrant Officers and Sergeants then we just had time to take part in the Horse Race, where MWO Chris Waugh put on his usual show, before we hit the road for home.

On Sunday, March 20, branch members, family and friends gathered in the Charleswood Legion for our Regimental Day celebration. We were particularly pleased to see WWII Vet Vic Nuytten, accompanied by daughter Donna. Vic is wheelchair bound and doesn't get out to many of our functions. Branch President Len King used the occasion to present PPCLI Association Certificates of Appreciation to Vic and several other Branch Members.

On Friday, April 22, Roy Bailey, D'Arcy Best, Archie Moore and Stu Weeks were reacquainted with the thrill of being on parade at 0715 hrs. We had driven to Shilo the night before so we could take part in Second Battalion's Kapyong Anniversary Celebration and witness the rededication and consecration of the Kapyong Memorial, which had been moved from Winnipeg to its new location on the parade square in front of CFB Shilo's new Kapyong Barracks. Stu Weeks joined the Colonel of the Regiment on the dais and the remainder of the Old Guard (three of us) fell in on the right of the Battalion. Following the traditional Memorial Service, Stu read the Citation and the Padre, Captain Harry Crawford, rededicated and consecrated the Kapyong Monument. As soon as the parade was over, the Battalion headed for the boondocks and we took a leisurely tour of Kapyong Barracks, had lunch, and then indulged in some 'executive time' before attending a Regimental Dinner with the Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants. Then it was up, not so bright but early, Saturday morning for the drive back to Winnipeg.

After all the rain we had been getting in the early summer, we finally got a nice sunny day for our 19th Annual Golf Tournament on June 24th. 45 Association Members, Second Battalion personnel and friends took part. Guest player Dave Norquay scored the Tournament's Low Gross and Bill Rideout, Branch Members Low Gross. Second Battalion's Scott Green had Low Net for the tournament and Jerry Hawkins for branch members. Chris Maher, Second Battalion, was awarded the Ed Higham Trophy for driving "closest to the pin". Best Foursome were Jerry Hawkins and guests Dave Norquay, Hugh Carrier and Wayne Scott; and Judy O'Brien was Best Lady Golfer. Second Battalion's Sandra Blackmore was named the Most Honest Golfer.

43 members and guests enjoyed an excellent meal at our Annual Dinner at the Charleswood Legion on October 22nd. We used the occasion to "dine out" Sergeant



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Ron Gilks who retired in July after 26 years of service with the Regiment. As Ron was working at 17 Wing (Winnipeg) when released, he had not received the customary regimental retirement gifts so RHQ sent them to us and we arranged to have them presented on behalf of the Regiment by a couple of serving members. Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Fitzgerald, 38 Brigade Chief of Staff, presented Ron with a framed Certificate of Service, Second Battalion's QMSI Jim Zelazny a statuette and Branch President Len King a one-year Complimentary Association Membership card.

Most of Second Battalion was in Wainwright and the Rear Party had too many other commitments to hold its own Remembrance Day Service so none of us went to Shilo on November 11. In Winnipeg, Branch Members attended Charleswood Legion's indoor service at Oak Park High School.



A small contingent of Branch Members attended the Annual Remembrance Service at All Saints Church on November 13. Cadet Corporal Cody Vernie of 2701 PPCLI Cadet Corps sounded Last Post and Reveille, Don Morrison, former Pipe Major of the Winnipeg Police Pipes and Drums, played the Lament, Branch President Len King recited Binyon's Verse and Lieutenant-Colonel Jim Fitzgerald, representing the serving members of the Regiment, read the First Lesson.

On 13 December ten of our Winnipeg members and two from Brandon attended the Second Battalion Junior Ranks Christmas Dinner in Shilo. After dinner, we had a brief visit in the Warrant Officers and Sergeants Mess then moved to the Officers' Mess for their 'At Home' and presentation of appropriate ends of the horse to the winners and losers of the annual Officers versus Warrant Officers and Sergeants Hockey Game. The CO, Lieutenant-Colonel Sharpe, presented the Horse's Head to the victorious Warrant Officers and Sergeants then the Officers received the 'Other End' from RSM Kototylo and the Association Gas Mask from Dan (Scottie) Haddow. Three of us stayed in Shilo overnight so we could attend Colonel 'Big Jim' Stone's Memorial Service the following morning.

We gained three new members in 2005: Major Steve Carr, recent Deputy Commanding Officer, 2 PPCLI; Rick Lawler, formerly QMSI, 2 PPCLI and now an aspiring journalist; and Wendy Pilcher, daughter of the late Fred Snell, DCM.

The Manitoba & Northwest Ontario Branch meets for an informal 'Old Buddy' session on the fourth Wednesday of each month (except July, August and December) at the Charleswood Branch No. 100, Royal Canadian Legion, 6003 Roblin Boulevard, Winnipeg. Drop in and see us sometime.



Wainwright Branch

The Wainwright Branch had a busy 2005; a visit from the COR, attending graduation parades as members of the old guard and hosting the 57th Annual General meeting in June. On the 4th of October 2005 the COR stopped by to say hello to the branch it was an honour to have him in Wainwright. In June the Branch hosted the AGM, which was a great success, due to the hard work of the members and the ladies of the branch. On the 16th of June a happy hour and BBQ for the early arrivals was hosted by the Camp RSM.

On the 17th of June the meeting of council was held in the conference room of building 172, thanks to the CO for the use of the Camp conference room. That evening a Meet and Greet was held at the Royal Canadian Legion Worthington Branch 29. A number of activities were held. Silent auction, displays, presentations and a great Potluck supper put on by the ladies of the branch. A presentation by MWO Art Chase from CMTC was well attended and the equipment and the technology that the new unit has to train the soldiers overwhelmed much of the audience. Capt Kevin Winfield and Corporal Michael Dorash set up a historical display and Capt Winfield gave a





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presentation of the interment camp in Wainwright, a most interesting presentation. The silent auction was a great success do to the hard work of the membership.

The 18th of June was time to gather for the AGM. The meeting was well attended and a lot was accomplished. After the meeting, lunch was served by the Legion, then the afternoon activities had to be altered slightly due to weather conditions; the golf tournament was cancelled (and I would like to mention that two gentlemen were happy that it was, as a challenge was put forward by two members of the Wainwright Branch to these two gentleman no names to be mentioned however they know who they are and the challenge is still open!). The bus tour schedule had to be amended as well because of a misunderstanding, however one the members of the branch made it work and with a slight delay the tour went as planned. That night the Drum Line from 1 PPCLI performed to a high standard, to the Drum Major and the drum line well done. Everyone had a enjoyable evening with good food and good comradeship, the evening went off without a hitch. On Sunday 19 June, a Fathers Day Brunch was held at the Legion to top of the weekend. A very successful four days by all accounts with all attendees enjoying themselves. I would be remise if didn't thank my membership for all the hard work they put into this weekend without them it would not have been as successful as it was. To mention a few, The ladies for their Pot Luck Supper (as one attendee said "I have a complaint about the food TO MUCH"), Ron Smith and Ron McBride for putting together the silent auction and 50/50 draws by James Dunn. Bill Miller for the set-up, and the Legion for the use of their facilities.

Thank-you all and to the attendees we hope you enjoyed your stay and thank-you for your support,
The Wainwright Branch



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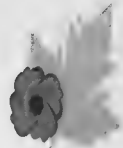
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WOs and Senior NCOs Club (Retired)



A bright and sunny January morning in Victoria, great for scribbling an annual report, despite a mini-earthquake that disturbed our sleep at 0430 hrs this morning, nothing serious, other than a bit of dust removed from the windows. Just another by-product for which we Left Coasters must pay, for the absolute delight and privilege of living in Lotus land.

The year 2005 continued to be an active period for our club members. Our 29th Anniversary Dinner originally slated for Fairmont Hot Springs, BC unfortunately required a last minute switch to Radium Hot Springs, BC and the date to 26 May rather than 19 May 2005. Despite the loss of 18 registered members due to medical appointments and/or conflicting dates due to the change in venue, our dinner count was 124. Nevertheless, it was an excellent gathering of our band of brothers and sisters.

29th Dinner site Radium Hot Springs Lodge, BC



The Prez's annual sermon from his Mount





Our 62nd General Meeting was held at our Piklee Post in Victoria on 14 September 2005, always considered successful, when the business part is limited, and the comradeship period extensive. Good food, good beer, good wine, with an abundance of truer than normal lies. Many off Island members attending from the mainland, coming from as far East, North, and South as Quadra Island, Surrey, Richmond, Chilliwack, Calgary, and Summerland.

Our 30th Anniversary dinner will be held at the Prestige Inn, Vernon, BC on 25 May 2006, we anticipate a large membership turn out. Our hospitality room, as always, will be open to visiting Patricias who may be in the area. The dinner, due to space limitations is confined to, members and registered kin only.

Our 2006 best wishes go out to Patricias everywhere, in particular, to those serving Patricias who are tasked with missions abroad, We wish them a successful tour and a safe return to your loved ones. Our thoughts are with you at all times.

Ed Hansen
President
PPCLI WOs & Snr NCOs Club (Retired)



553 PPCLI Army Cadet Corps

On 21 March 2005, the Sgt Tommy Prince MM Cadet Corps hosted a Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony at its garrison located at the Freight House, 200 Isabel St, in Winnipeg. The guest presenter was the Honourable John Harvard, PC, OM, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba. This was the first time that the Lt-Governor of Manitoba had attended and presented Duke of Edinburgh Awards at 553 RCACC.

Eleven current and past cadets were awarded with a total of ten Bronze and five Silver pins for their achievements over the past two years. Two ceremonies had been held during the previous year, and with the addition of the awards at this event, brought the total count to 16 Bronze and nine Silver recipients for the 553 Sgt Tommy Prince MM RCACC. More cadets are enrolled for the upcoming year at the Bronze level and several await a Gold ceremony to be held some time in the future. The 553 Sgt Tommy Prince MM RCACC places a strong emphasis on physical fitness, skills, community service and expeditions, with the goal of promoting discipline, confidence and self-reliance.



2701 PPCLI Army Cadet Corps

This past training year was yet another extraordinary one for the cadets of 2701 PPCLI Army Cadet Corps in Winnipeg Manitoba. The cadets of the unit participated in not only the regular training on the schedule such as class and drill lectures, and exercises but also in various corps activities. The various corps activities range from Saturday sports, and the corps shooting program to activities such as Poppy drives and creating a Christmas Hamper for a family in need.

Throughout the September to June training year many of the cadets completed three corps exercises in Shilo Manitoba and St Charles Range on the outskirts of Winnipeg. The first exercise of the year introduced the newer cadets to the basics of being in the field, orienteering and knots, at the same time allowing older cadets to have a chance to show themselves in the field and get an idea on what it means to be a section commander or 2lc. The second exercise was a winter exercises, which showed the cadets different aspects of an exercise, why it is important to work together and taught them how to snowshoe, navigate in the



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winter, and why kit control is important. The last exercise of the year was run in the traditional fashion as section vs. section competition. The sections slept, ate and moved from station to station as a section. Being graded on all activities from their bivouac site, and control of kit to the teamwork and motivation. The sections were also graded at each station they came to which included navigation, knots, cam and concealment and survival. It was clear after all three exercises that the cadets participating in each came back feeling more comfortable in the field and for the most part learning something they did not already know. Everyone also seemed to have a great time in the field as per usual.

Later in the training year four of our cadets participated in NSCE (National Star Certification Examination) and passed (c/WO Greeley, c/WO Gagne, and former Sgt's Jackson and Waldie). Along with have a one hundred percent pass rate c/WO Greeley was awarded the General Howard Award for the top score on NSCE in the region. After the struggle of NSCE was completed we were able to send two of our senior cadets, who completed and passed NSCE the previous year on advanced training. One of our warrants was able to go to Scotland on the Outward Bound Scotland Exchange (c/WO Eric Boulet), and one cadet participate in the Regular Force Para shooting course in Trenton Ontario (c/WO Blake Davidson). As well as having two cadets on advanced courses we were able to have senior cadets in the position of Warrant at both Rocky Mountain Summer Training Center and Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Center. C/MWO Dominic Dasylva was in the position of Operations Warrant dispatching emergency calls at RMCSTC. C/CWO Jennifer McCall was in the position of Navigation, PERI and Wilderness Warrant. As well as having cadets on advanced courses and in staff positions at training centers we were able to send many cadets off to summer camp to both Whitehorse Army Cadet Summer Training Center and Vernon Army Cadet Summer Training Center.

On top of the excellent training that we completed this year we received the award for the top senior cadet corps in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. The presentation of this award was given at the FALCON, cadet tabloid in which each cadet corps is broken up into teams and competes in various activities. 2701 PPCLI won most of the FALCON sports medals and our Flag Party led the 400+ cadet parade. Upon receipt of the award and medals for the



tabloid activities the cadets felt better about their part in cadets and raised the corps esprit de corps.

Now that the past training year is over its time for the cadets of 2701 PPCLI to look forward and onward into another exciting and outstanding training year, in which we hope to once again achieve highly at NSCE, receive the best corps in Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, and send many cadets this coming summer on both advanced training and to summer camps.

3003 Battle River Army Cadet Corps

2004-2005 was a very busy and successful year for the Battle River Army Cadet Corps. of Edgerton, Alta. We hold parade nights Wednesday's from 1900-2130 hrs. at the Edgerton School.

We started off our year with Cadets Caring for Canada in which we did some repair work at the Edgerton Legion. We washed walls, scraped off and repainted outside window frames and doors, we also reinsulated in the attic. All our cadets had a great time. We also had our kick off exercise at the Belanger farm. This campout the seniors teach our new cadets how to make proper hoochies and where to put them. This exercise teaches our cadets to be responsible for their own kit, how to start stoves and lanterns properly and safely, waste management, safe



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use of tools, buddy system, teamwork, fire safety and fire pickets. The last day we have the parents out to help cut wood and clean up around camp followed by lunch.

In October we had a survival weekend with Mors Kochanski, this was a very informative and enjoyable weekend. The cadets learnt how to survive in our wilderness, what plants in our area to use as food, drink, or medicine. They got to make bulrush dolls, bowls, pipes, and walking sticks. Mors showed them how to make the new style block and tackle, shelters, how to sharpen knives and how to cut a tree down with a knife. We all learnt a great deal and are awaiting our next opportunity for Mors to come back. Five of our cadets went on a wilderness challenge this month it was a great experience for them.



This time a year we do a great number of ranges as well as our Remembrance Day Services at Edgerton School, Paradise Valley School, and The Edgerton Ag. Hall. We had a First Aid course during this time as well as our Christmas party.

The New Year brings in more ranges as well as a Sports Weekend in Macklin where our cadets participated in a whole range of team games. Also attending the social as well, fun was had by all. Our pt testing was done this month, also our annual fundraising blitz in Wainwright and Lloydminster.

February brought our NSCE Part 1 for our Gold Stars and the Drill Competition in Edmonton in which our Master Warrant Officer Townsend received the MWO Fred Bootle Award for the top Drill Commander at the Colonel Frank Kozan Memorial Drill Competition in Edmonton, Cdt. Ward won best dressed Cadet of the Corps for the provincial drill competition. The cadets also went rappelling in Edmonton.

We finished our fundraising blitz this month. Had archery in Lloydminster and the NSCE Part 2.



Our annual Supper and Games night is held in March and is usually a great success. We would like to thank our cadets, staff, parents, Edgerton Legion, all the businesses who donated money or prizes, and all the community members who support this event and help make it so successful. Our cadets went to WATC spent the weekend there doing map and compass and also a tour of their SAT room. They were given a tour of the base in a variety of different vehicles available to them. This was very enjoyable to our cadets.

We had a Defensive Driving course in April for staff, cadets and parents who wanted to attend.

Our annual Decoration Day was in May this year our cadets and the families of the veterans place flags, and poppies on their graves in Edgerton, Rosedale, Prospect Valley and Battle Valley Cemeteries. We took a trip to Calgary this month with visits to the Heritage Park, Calgary Zoo, Regimental Museum, Chinese Cultural Center, and Devonian Gardens. All our cadets came on this enjoyable weekend and had a great time.

Annual Inspection followed on June 1 with Lieutenant-Colonel B, G, Bailey, CD, Commanding Officer WATC, as reviewing Officer. We had our games tent at the Three City Fair in Paradise Valley this year again and we also had our yearly breakfast we serve for the Edgerton Fair as well, this was also the Edgerton Home Coming Celebration as well. All in all it was a very exciting year for all cadets and staff.

We would like to thank the following: The parents, Western Area Training Center, Royal Canadian Legion #168 Edgerton, Town of Edgerton, Marea Crews, Edgerton Fish & Game Range, Award Sponsors, and the volunteer teachers. A special thanks to Transport WATC.





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Dennis Leonard Brennan	Korea, Reg	16-Dec-04	Sudbury, ON
Clovis (Danny) Bordeleau	WWII, Korea, Reg	2-Jan-05	Ottawa, ON
Jack Raymond Young	WWII	2-Jan-05	LacLaBiche, AB
Charles E. Rollins	Korea	3-Jan-05	Calgary, AB
Roland Pivert	Korea	4-Jan-05	Edmonton, AB
Derek Bamford	WWII, Korea, Reg	9-Jan-05	Saffron Walden, UK
Richard Donald Parisian	Korea	10-Jan-05	Calgary, AB
Norbert Kent Harris	Korea	19-Jan-05	Sandy Bay, MB
Edward D. (Chic) Query	WWII, Korea, Reg	25-Jan-05	Edmonton, AB
Dixon Taylor Cottingham	Reg	26-Jan-05	Cobble Hill, BC
James H. Shinn	WWII, Korea, Reg	28-Jan-05	Calgary, AB
Henry C.(Tommy) Thompson	WWII	5-Feb-05	Toronto, ON
David Leroy Adams	Reg	7-Feb-05	Westchester Station, NS
Reginald Bayley Hobson	WWII	11-Feb-05	Antigonish, NS
John Wesley Carnes	Korea	20-Feb-05	Vancouver, BC
William (Billy) Rainforth	Korea, Reg	24-Feb-05	Laguna Beach , CA
William(Billy) Eugene Brown	Reg	27-Feb-05	Edmonton, AB
Ernest Raymond Wasicuna	Reg	28-Feb-05	Sioux Valley, MB
Timothy Joseph Sheedy	WWII	4-Mar-05	Red Deer, AB
Edward Wetalltok (Vital)	Korea, Reg	4-Mar-05	Umiqduak, QC
Frederick William Snell	WWII	6-Mar-05	Winnipeg, MB
Roderick Loyer	Reg	6-Mar-05	Edmonton, AB
Tommy Pottle	Korea	7-Mar-05	Ville La Salle, QC
Thomas (Tommy) McCormick	WWII	7-Mar-05	Winnipeg, MB
Kenneth L.W. Scott	WWII	11-Mar-05	Guernsey, UK
Walter E. Wheeler	WWII, Korea, Reg	15-Mar-05	Vancouver, BC
Donald Albert Dee	Reg	17-Mar-05	Winnipeg, MB
William Alfred Barnett	WWII, Korea	20-Mar-05	Selkirk, MB
Richard(Dick) Walter Hughes	Korea	29-Mar-05	Calgary, AB
Robert L. (Knobby) Clark	Reg	8-Apr-05	Victoria, BC
Frank Ouelette	Korea	8-Apr-05	Wabasca, AB
Herman J. Grier	Korea	9-Apr-05	Clearwater, BC
Gordon W. Eyre	WWII	Apr ?, 05	Brockville, ON
Robert Edgar Aubichon	Reg	12-Apr-05	Edmonton, AB
Len Juteau	Reg	15-Apr-05	Victoria, BC
Masao "Carl" Kawanami	Korea	23-Apr-05	Calgary, AB
Kevin Towell	Reg	9-May-05	CFB Gagetown, NB

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Rudolph (Rudy) Pfeifer	Korea	10-May-05	Winnipeg, MB
George Robert Stevens	Reg	15-May-05	Oromocto, NB
Fred Lawrynuik	WWII	20-May-05	Winnipeg, MB
Reginald Frederick Eggleston	Korea	24-May-05	Rimby, AB
Edward A. Nicholson	WWII	25-May-05	Victoria, BC
Alan Douglas Fairbairn	WWII, Reular	28-May-05	Winnipeg, MB
Harold Warner (Barney) Kadey	WWII	?	Victoria, BC
Donald M. Hoar	?	1-Jun-05	Canmore, AB
Donald Pitts	Reg	2-Jun-05	Cornwall, ON
Frederick Donald Horrocks	Reg	6-Jun-05	Winnipeg, MB
Wilfred Baughman	Korea	6-Jun-05	Alton, ON
Jack Dickson	Vietnam	10-Jun-05	Fort Assiniboine, AB
Charles Faye	Korea	12-Jun-05	?
Kerry John Dunphy	WWII, Korea	15-Jun-05	Peterborough, ON
Gerry Franc	Reg	25-Jun-05	Winnipeg, MB
Jim Kalman	Reg	9-Jul-05	Wainwright, AB
Romain Lanthier	WWII	17-Jul-05	Winnipeg, MB
Harkness Warnock Black	Reg	23-Jul-05	Stonewall, MB
Norris Petit	Korea	26-Jul-05	Saskatoon, SK
George Stanley Whillier	WWII	2-Aug-05	Winnipeg, MB
Joseph "Ray" Lacoursiere	Korea	8-Aug-05	Lloydminster, AB
Herbert Edward Hipwood	WWII	10-Aug-05	Victoria, BC
Steve Gulka	Korea	13-Aug-05	Regina, SK
Marven Collins	Korea	14-Aug-05	Clandeboye, MB
Almer Herbert Bishop	WWII, Korea	15-Aug-05	Lacombe, AB
Franklin W.E. Bishop	Reg	31-Aug-05	Middleton, NS
Dalton Robert Hall	WWII	31-Aug-05	Penticton, BC
Sam Gyryluk	WWII	3-Sep-05	Winnipeg, MB
Shane Fisher	Reg	21-Sep-05	Beaverlodge, AB
Lord John Brabourne	WWII, Honorary Patricia	22-Sep-05	Newhouse, Ashford Mersham Kent
Wilfred William (Bill) Larkin	WWII, Korea, Reg	24-Sep-05	Westlock, AB
Charles John Sheppard	Reg	3-Oct-05	Trenton, ON
Jack Crawford Maclaren	Korea	12-Oct-05	Andrew, AB
Thomas Mitchell	Korea	16-Oct-05	Chilliwack, BC
Bernard D. Stanton	LER	29-Oct-05	Edmonton, AB
William "Slug" Demmy	WWII, Korea, Reg	4-Nov-05	Chilliwack, BC
James Francis Forsythe	Reg	7-Nov-05	Chilliwack, BC
Larry Rube	?	14-Nov-05	Chilliwack, BC

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Jerry Robertson	Reg	15-Nov-05	Duncan, BC
Billy Turner	Korea	15-Nov-05	Florida, USA
Melvin Hamilton Lewis	Korea, Reg	16-Nov-05	Winnipeg, MB
"Big" Jim Stone	WWII, Korea, Reg	24-Nov-05	Victoria, BC
John (Jack) Droy	WWII	1-Dec-05	Victoria, BC
Sterling Vincent MacAulay	WWII, Korea, Reg	8-Dec-05	Cardigan Head, PEI
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